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Next Road Commissioner will be elected

November ballot has one Road Board opening among many others at County and Township levels

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Citing their lawful authority to decide the method in which Road Commissioners are selected, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution, leaving the selection of Road Board members up to the voters.

The County Board made their unanimous decision to have Road Board members elected, instead of appointed, in the wake of a hearing last month that resulted in the removal of former Road Commissioners Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson.

The next opening on the Road Commission will be the seat now held by Vice Chairman John Hartman of South Branch Township, whose term expires December 31, 2000. Hartman and

the rest of his board have been notified of the County's resolution, which becomes effective with the term beginning January 1, 2001.

Now begins the process for those wishing to run for the position of Crawford County Road Commissioner. To run, a candidate must be a Crawford County resident, provide the County Clerk with an Affidavit of Identification, a Statement of Organization and nomination petitions containing signatures of registered voters. If a candidate wishes to forego collecting signatures, a fee of \$100 can be paid in lieu of petitions.

All of these tasks must be accomplished and filed with the Clerk by 4 p.m. on May 16, 2000 to be eligible to appear on the August 8 primary ballot. Winners from each political party will then go on to vie for the

seat on the November 7 general election ballot.

The same is true for anyone else wishing to seek any of many county and township offices up for grabs this election year. At the county level, the offices of Prosecutor,

Treasurer, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Board of Commissioners, and Sheriff are among those up for election. All township supervisors, treasurers, boards of trustees and other township offices are also due to go to the voters.

Robbery suspects arrested

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A local gas station was robbed at gunpoint of about \$400 early in the morning on Saturday, February 19.

According to Grayling Police Officer Karl M. DeVries, the robber walked into the Forward's Shell Station at 503 North James Street just before 2 a.m., pulled out a handgun and demanded money.

The female attendant put the money into a bag and the bandit fled the scene on foot. At the time of the robbery, police were not sure if the suspect had an escape vehicle waiting nearby.

Assisting the Grayling Police in a search for the robbery suspect were troopers from the Michigan State Police Post and their K9 Unit out of Gaylord.

The suspect was described as between 5'9" and 6" tall, weighing between 130 and 150 pounds, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and dark pants. The suspect also wore a mask. But, police found out later on

in their investigation the robber did not work alone.

Grayling Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner stated, on Tuesday, four suspects were arrested and taken into custody in connection with the robbery.

"Officer Dennis Long cracked the case on Monday after following up on a tip," Chief Schreiner said.

All four suspects are Grayling residents and are suspects in several other unsolved attempted robbery cases. Three adults (two male, one female) and one male juvenile will each be charged with one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery and a second count of armed robbery. Additional charges are being considered by the County Prosecutor John Huss.

Names of those arrested are being held pending their arraignment in 83rd District Court. Schreiner said the adult suspects were lodged in the Crawford County Jail, while the juvenile was released into the custody of his parents.

Grayling City Police Chief requests fifth patrol officer

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

City Police Chief Karl Schreiner is asking the City Council to authorize hiring a fifth patrolman for the Grayling Police Department, which would fill a space in the department created when former chief Pete Stephan retired last July.

Schreiner said another full-time person is needed to help follow up on complaints, spend time in the car patrolling, and help fill in for vacation and sick time.

"I've been doing some of it, but I can't do it all," said Schreiner.

"We have to look at the overall picture," said Mayor Marilyn Palmer. Palmer said the council needs to examine the present budget and go over figures with regard to several projects the city is currently involved in, especially the move-

ment out of City Hall.

Palmer noted that there have been a lot of amendments to the budget, and she would like to have the city treasurer put together a budget analysis "to see if we can do it," Palmer said.

Chief Schreiner felt there was
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Riehle appointed to Road Board

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

At their regular meeting on February 16, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners made their final appointment to the Road Commission for Crawford County.

Grayling Township resident Ken Riehle was appointed to serve out the remaining four years of former Road Commissioner Robert Nelson's six-year term, ending December 31, 2004.

Since 1983, Riehle has been the owner and operator of Kleen-Rite Services, Inc., specializing in janitorial services, building maintenance and lawn care. In the past, Riehle held a variety of jobs in the

Detroit area, including that of a home delivery milkman for Brickley Dairy from 1960-1965. He has also worked for Detroit Radiator Company and B.F. Goodrich.

Riehle said he enjoys being involved in decision making and currently serves on the Grayling Township Board of Review and the Salaried Advisory Committee. He is the past president of the AuSable Woods Property Owners Association and the founder and past president of the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association/AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association. He is also a member of the AuSable Shriners Club.



Newly-sworn Road Commissioner Ken Riehle signs the necessary paperwork to take his appointed seat. Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore performed the ceremony.

Bank robbers caught after freeway chase

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Officers from several law enforcement agencies worked together last Friday to apprehend two bank robbers who hit a Wolverine credit union, fleeing with an undisclosed amount of cash.

According to a report issued from the Cheboygan County Prosecutor's Office, a lone 17-year old girl entered the Onaway Community Federal Credit Union in Wolverine on February 18, just after it opened — around 9:10 a.m. The girl, armed with a handgun, demanded tellers to hand over their money.

The tellers piled the cash onto the counter instead of placing it into a bag. As the girl fled with the

money, she dropped some of it in the snow outside of the credit union.

While she stopped to gather some of the bills, credit union employees had the chance to get a description of the getaway vehicle and passed the information on to the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department.

The vehicle, a black pick-up truck driven by 21-year old Theodore Jay Sauve of Lucasville, Ohio, was later spotted traveling southbound on I-75 near Gaylord. Cheboygan officers, along with those from the Michigan State Police (MSP), Gaylord City Police, Otsego and Crawford County Sheriff's Departments attempted to stop the truck and a chase began. Crawford

County Sheriff's Capt. Art Clough joined the pursuit at mile marker 264.

MSP officers tried to use stop-sticks road spikes to stop the vehicle beginning near the Hartwick Pines Road exit 259, but Sauve drove around them. The stop-sticks were used again near North Down River Road, but Sauve outmaneuvered them again.

However, the third time was the charm when State Police used them just south of Grayling, near the 249 mile marker at the intersection of US-27 and I-75. Sauve could not avoid the tire-puncturing tools and lost control of the truck and flipped

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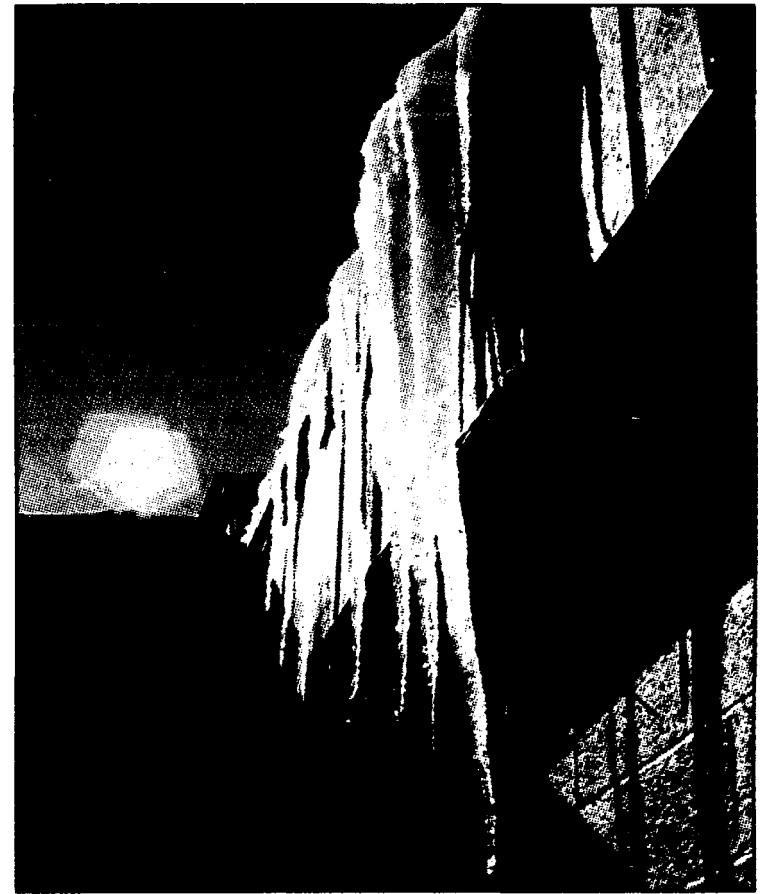


Photo by Cheryll Ruley

If this photo is any evidence, maybe the groundhog was wrong on February 2 and spring is just days away. Most of the Midwest, including Crawford County, experienced unseasonably warm weather the week of February 21, threatening to end the winter sports season.

CIA gives \$3,000 to hatchery project

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Community Improvement Authority (CIA) agreed at their February 21 meeting to pledge \$3,000 to the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project.

Jim Burch, one of nine members of CIA, said, "We feel Grayling needs to be a destination for tourists, not just a pass-through. This is a great project. It's worthwhile and very exciting." Burch said CIA Chair Kathy Bourrie brought up the

pledge idea at the meeting and wanted to help the project's steering committee meet its grant application deadline.

Steering Committee Chair Pat Merrill commented, "This is fantastic. The steering committee really appreciates this donation. It's unsolicited, voluntary contributions like this one that will make this project go."

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Hatchery Restoration Project can call Merrill at 344-3258.

Complete primary election results will appear in next week's edition of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Local Special Olympian takes the gold

Grayling Special Olympian, Jerry Harris (at right), captured a gold and a silver medal in the Nordic skiing competition at this year's Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games.

The event was held at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, where 950 Special Olympians from around Michigan competed in skiing, skating and snowshoeing.

Harris, a student at the COOR Educational Center in Roscommon, earned his medals in the 50-meter and 100-meter competitions. In addition to competing, the athletes had the opportunity to enjoy recreational activities such as dog sled rides, snow sculpture and dances.

Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults with mental retardation. For information on the local program, call (517) 821-9658.



Photo courtesy of Area 4-Norland Special Olympics.

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Northern Homes addresses lack of housing

► Non-profit group hopes to combat housing problems in six-county area

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In response to a need for quality affordable housing in northern Michigan, a non-profit organization called the Northern Homes Community Development Corporation (NHCDC) has been formed, and the group hopes to start construction on its first housing project this year.

Northern Homes was established three years ago, and attained its non-profit status in January of 1999. The organization services a six-county area, including Crawford, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Northern Homes has a 12-member Board of Directors, and recently hired an Executive Director to help move the effort along.

NHCDC contracted with Michigan State University to have a Housing Needs Study conducted in the six-county region. The study revealed what was suspected: there is a lack of affordable housing in the area.

According to the study:

• "All counties in the study grew in total population over both the decades of the 1970's and 1980's with Crawford County experiencing the highest growth over the 20 year period of 75.5%, followed by Otsego County at 63.7%."

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The 17-year old rubberized membrane covering the Grayling High School roof has shattered. Buckets and water-soaked ceiling tiles dot the classrooms and some hallways at the school as water from melting snow makes its way through the spi-

derwebbing cracks. But, the problem is not being ignored.

A Gaylord-area roofing contractor won the emergency bid to replace the membrane covering an 18,270-square foot area (about 18 percent of the 101,000-square foot roof), extending over the auditorium, cafeteria, kitchen and science classrooms.

Crawford AuSable School's Superintendent Kent Reynolds said technology has advanced over the years since the original membrane was installed. "The new roofing material is far superior to what it is replacing. Over the years, exposure to sun and temperature extremes caused the old membrane to lose its ability to stay bonded, resulting in stress cracks," he said. The new membrane has a 15-year guarantee against failure.

"The new membrane is thicker, at 48 mils, more pliable, and reinforced with synthetic netting that will hold together much better in the elements," said Reynolds. The superintendent added the district will have to live with the repair and more patchwork for another year,

but hopes the bond issue in June will pass, allowing the rest of the roof to be replaced and fitted with a new protective membrane.

Cost of the roof job is contracted at \$43,915, or \$2.40 per square foot. The Board of Education is paying for the replacement out of an emergency maintenance fund it established about three years ago. "The Board had foresight and began to build a maintenance emergency fund, allocating \$100,000 annually, for unexpected repairs at all school buildings in the district," said Reynolds.

Before the membrane gave way at the high school, the School Board had managed to accumulate \$400,000 in the district-wide account. The Board is the only authority allowed access to the account and is the only deciding body regarding how the money is spent, but the funds are solely earmarked for maintenance and repairs.

Part of the cost of replacing the

difficult time bringing in people with the necessary education and skills because of the housing shortages, since many dwellings are either sub-standard or too high-priced, he said.

Also, college and trade school graduates are tending to not return to the area because of the absence of affordable housing, Black said. "We keep exporting our high school graduates out of town," he said.

Northern Homes, which has raised some money already through corporate donations, is now in the process of meeting with local officials, employers and residents to determine what the housing needs are for each of the six counties in its service area. NHCDC hopes to start a housing project of some sort this year.

"We have to find out what a community needs or wants, we can't cram something down their throats," Black said.

Potential NHCDC projects could include single-family homes, duplexes, quads, or 10-20 unit buildings, depending on need and location, Black noted.

"Whatever's good for the area and employer," he said.

"We're talking with local residents and the community to see what the needs are," said Jane MacKenzie, NHCDC Executive Director. "Some communities are more worried about senior housing."

Black noted that some seniors may be living in two or three bedroom houses but would prefer a one-unit assisted living arrangement. If quality one-unit housing could be

provided to such people, the two and three bedroom houses they were living in would be put on the market and then be available to single families.

MacKenzie said that one of the most difficult aspects of purchasing a home is the down payment, and Northern Homes plans to implement a first time buyers program to help with that issue.

"It can be hard to save for that first payment if you're already paying 40 percent of your income on an apartment," said MacKenzie.

Black also hopes the organization will be able to help more people get financed. He said that in talking with area financial institutions, it was evident that many hard-working families were not quite qualifying for loans.

"We want to help some of these people that are falling through the cracks," Black said.

"Home ownership is so important for them and the community," said MacKenzie. "Home ownership gives people the ability to build wealth."

Currently, the NHCDC is reviewing sites for three single-family houses, at least one of which may be constructed this year. (Northern Homes plans to always use local contractors.)

"We have to be very careful to make sure this is right," Black said. "This is the beginning of something that has unlimited potential for growing."

NHCDC currently has an office in East Jordan. The office space was donated.

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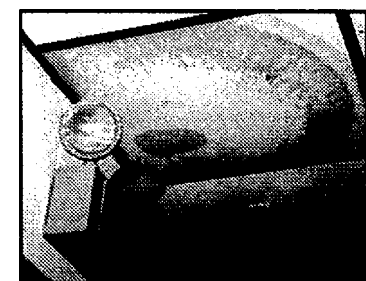
Part of the cost of replacing the



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Stress cracks on the GHS roof have caused leaks around the school and emergency repairs.

Grayling Middle School roof this spring will come out of this fund. The remaining costs will be paid through a settlement with another



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roofing company after improper installation and subsequent premature deterioration of the school's roof was discovered.



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Library support group looking for more 'Friends'

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A used book sale held to raise money to help pay for placing the new library bond issue on the August primary ballot raised about \$500, February 10-11.

Friends of the Crawford County Library held the sale in the flood-prone basement of the current library on James Street. They hope voters will say "yes" to a new state-of-the-art, 10,000-square foot facility.

"We made nearly \$500, which for 10-cent and 25-cent books, is one whale of a lot of books!" said Friends' member Shirley Schmoock. "We also sold a few book bags and a couple of old computers for \$50 -- that helped."

Friends of the Library, as it is commonly known, is a group of people who wish to support the community library in any way they can.

They elect their own officers, choose their own activities, and say they have "a wonderful time trying to update and upgrade the local library facility and its services." Officers for the year 2000 are President Barb Spasoff, Vice President Dee Hall, Secretary Betty Pimlott, and Treasurer Shirley Schmoock.

Friends expects to help build the



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - (From left) Sandy Crandall, Shirley Schmoock and Judy Hammond look over the great books the "Friends of the Library" had to offer at their Winter Fun Days Book Sale, February 10-11. "Friends" are busy raising money in order to place the new library building bond issue on the August primary ballot and are looking for new members.

new library facility in the near future and say they have "plans and dreams," as well as the enthusiasm needed to succeed. What they need most right now, though, are volunteers to join them in their efforts to make their "dream" a reality. Friends of the Library are looking for new members willing to help

raise money and the expectations of the community in regard to the need for a library that meets the needs of the citizens of Crawford County.

Friends are preparing a mass mailing to recruit new members, get the word out and, of course, ask for donations. Annual membership for students is only \$5 and \$10 for

adults. Friends meet at the Crawford County Library on the 4th Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Donations should be sent to Friends of the Crawford County Library, 100 South James Street, Grayling, MI 49738.

For more information call Friends at (517) 348-9214.

Police Chief requests fifth patrol officer

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enough money in the department's current budget to add the fifth patrolman, according to figures he'd received. The 1999-00 fiscal year ends June 30, so only a few months worth of wages and benefits would have to be considered for the current budget, Schreiner noted.

"I think our present budget can handle it," he said.

"It appears to me that this is nothing more than replacing a retiree," said Councilman Jerry Hayes.

Councilman Brian Banda agreed, but said he would like to see some financial figures before making a decision. "I would like to see how it fits in our budget," Banda said.

The council decided to table the fifth patrolman discussion until budget figures could be gathered.

GMS students present fairy tale of a play

Grayling Middle School (GMS) students will present their production of the Brothers Grimm classic fairy tale *Hansel and Gretel*, Friday and Saturday, February 25-26.

The play will be performed in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Friday's performance will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday's performance will begin at 5 p.m.

To accommodate the amount of students interested in participating the middle school's drama program, two sets of cast members will perform.

For some 8th grade students, this will be their final performance for GMS Drama. They are: 1st Year Performers Megan Fekete, Kip Franklin, Ted Pavey and Maggie VanGuilder; 2nd Year Performer Danielle Fedak; 3rd Year Performer Laura Gorski.

Cast A - Hansel: Jim Jansen; Gretel: Megan Fekete; Frederick: Kyle Luce; Susie: Ashley Lockwood; Johanna: Jenna



Frankowski: Lydia; Laura Gorski: Frick; Kip Franklin; Frack: Ted Pavey; Witch: Maggie VanGuilder; Mother: Jennifer Emmons; Father: Adam Herman; Troll: Casey McCuan; Owl: Summer Coe; Dew Princess: Danielle Fedak; Echo: Amber Scott; Sandman: Kyle Alexander; Casper: Ruth Mills; Katrina: Elizabeth Bonnington.

Cast B - Hansel: Derek Leon; Gretel: Jennifer Long; Frederick: Kyle Luce; Susie: Kimberly Long; Johanna: Randi Richardson; Lydia:

Becky Ramaswamy; Frick: Zac Baker; Frack: Zeke Hayes; Witch: Tequila Reynolds; Mother: Maranda Shear; Father: Jason Fekete; Troll: Doug Armstrong; Owl: Summer Coe; Dew Princess: Lindsey Johns; Echo: Amber Scott; Sandman: Jason Ashton; Casper: Alex Fedak; Katrina: Elizabeth Bonnington.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are priced at \$1.50 for students, \$3 for adults and \$7 for a family pass.

Yob exploring run against Stupak this November

"I'm a straight shooter who will fight for the little guy even if it means standing up to the powers that be," said Michigan Republican National Committeeman Charles "Chuck" Yob in announcing he has formed an exploratory committee to test the waters for a possible congressional run against 1st District incumbent Democrat Bart Stupak.

Yob, a retired businessman, made the decision to form an exploratory committee after receiving encouraging calls from party activists and leaders from around the district, state and nation. Michigan's 1st Congressional District encompasses the state's entire Upper Peninsula and all or part of 13 counties in the northern Lower Peninsula -- including part of Crawford County.

For nearly a decade, Yob has lived in northern Michigan.

Currently, he and his wife reside in East Jordan. "My family has deep roots in the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan," Yob said. "Howard Taft was in the White House when my mother immigrated from Europe to the Upper Peninsula. My grandfather and father lived and worked in U.P. mining country. And, my wife and her family have made northern Michigan their home for generations."

In order to further pursue a possible congressional run, Yob stated he has filed a statement of organization with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). By filing a "Yob 2000" (Yob2k) Committee with the FEC, Yob can now accept donations to his campaign. He stated a final announcement will be made in the near future, but gave no

specific timeline.

Yob has been an aggressive Republican campaigner and grass roots activist for over 20 years. He began his career in Republican politics in 1970 when he served as campaign manager for a state representative. Since then, Yob has served as finance chairman for a number of Michigan county parties. He also served as county and district chairman and was first elected to the Republican National Committee in 1989.

"I've been active in politics for a lot of years and I've earned a reputation for taking tough stands, even when it means opposing the establishment," Yob continued. "It's that kind of mentality that's missing in Washington these days. Too many people have succumbed to the wishes of Washington lobbyists and spe-

cial interest groups.

"The people need someone they can count on, someone tough enough to vote their conscience and not bend or break under the pressure of Washington insiders. I don't think northern Michigan has that right now."

Bank robbers caught after freeway chase

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it into the snowy banks alongside the highway.

According to Clough who witnessed the roll-over, the bank robbers were both thrown from the vehicle, but were able to get up and walk away from it. That's when Clough assisted by handcuffing the female suspect.

Both suspects were taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital, where they were treated for only minor injuries and released into the custody of Cheboygan County Sheriff's officers.


Cheboygan County Prosecutor Joseph P. Kwiatkowski has charged Sauve with aiding and abetting in an armed robbery, bank robbery, and conspiracy to rob a bank. He could receive up to life in jail for his role

in the crime. Sauve has been lodged in the Cheboygan County Jail pending his arraignment in 89th District Court.

The 17-year old girl will be charged in Cheboygan County Probate Court on charges of armed robbery, bank robbery, and conspiracy to rob a bank. She also faces up

to life in prison.

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OPINIONS

ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Michigan GOP Primary: Who really won?

By now, the voting has ended and Michiganians have chosen the winner of the Republican primary.

But who really won? And why?

The best guess is that it will take weeks for all the shouting to die down about how the primary was conducted and what the true outcome was.

One winner emerged. But who elected that winner?

Was it voting Republicans? Did the masses of the state GOP turn out and vote in droves for the best candidate?

Or did the Democrats really control the primary and push their choice of Republican candidate to the top of the GOP slate?

The squabbling will continue for months -- maybe years -- to come.

Look back at New Hampshire. Sen. John McCain won a huge victory there over front running Gov. George W. Bush.

But why?

McCain's people say it was because he

gave up on working the Iowa primary -- won handily by Bush -- and concentrated all his efforts on New Hampshire, traditionally a make-or-break primary for many presidential candidates. McCain held more than 100 town hall meetings and shook the hand of almost every New Hampshire resident before the vote in early February.

However, the Bush folks put a different spin on their New Hampshire trashing. They claim it was Democrats who crossed the party line and voted for McCain, giving him the huge upset victory. The Bush theory goes that these Democrats want to derail the Bush train to keep him from getting the GOP nomination that will lead to his inevitable landslide victory over Al Gore. The way to do this is to vote for the underdog, to cross over and push McCain, then cross back for the real election of their chosen hero -- Vice President Al Gore.

Did that happen Tuesday in Michigan? The theories will abound.

Look even further back.

In 1972, Republicans crossed over en masse and through their voting made outsider George Wallace the choice of Michigan in the Democratic primary. The Wallace win in Michigan caught national attention and caused state-wide embarrassment for the Democrat machine that wanted anybody else but Wallace.

Does the game seem strangely familiar, with only the tables turned?

Bush had the state GOP leadership firmly in his corner for Tuesday's election. Governor Engler was his election chairman. And there is no bigger GOP person here than our own governor.

But Engler also has his detractors. In his eight-plus years, he has made his share of people unhappy.

Take his situation in Detroit. Democratic leaders there were urging their followers to cross over and vote for McCain in the Republican primary.

Why? To embarrass Engler. To send the governor a message that they were unhappy

that he stepped in and took over the failing school system there.

In fact, an Engler mailing late last week contained a quote attributed to Greg Bowens, spokesperson for Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, who happens to be Michigan's Gore co-chair.

"We're encouraging every registered voter to come out and vote ... It's no secret that if people are displeased with Governor (Engler), they may take that opportunity to voice their displeasure by voting against the governor's anointed candidate."

And a quote from the Michigan Citizen urged Detroit voters to get out and vote for a millage and while there, "vote for McCain and upset Engler's little red wagon."

To Detroit Democrats, a Bush loss was an Engler loss.

So does a Bush win mean that Republicans overwhelmingly choose the Texas governor while rejecting McCain?

Does a McCain win mean that his breath-of-fresh-air campaign has caught hold in

conservative circles and he has become the GOP's man here in Michigan?

Or is a McCain win held in less esteem because of Democrat shenanigans in crossing over to make his underdog campaign a winner?

You can bet for sure that the theories will abound for many, many months to come.

But once all is said and done and a presidential candidate is selected, how about this?

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One can only wait, watch and see.

Richard Milliman is on vacation. His column is being written in his absence by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications, which publishes newspapers in Albion, Grayling, Marshall and Three Rivers.

EDITOR

Religious extremism and politics: a dangerous mixture

To the editor,

George W. Bush won the Republican primary in South Carolina. That win has convinced me that I might want to vote for someone else. Not because of his proposed policies, but because it appears that his victory was handed to him by the extreme right Christian coalition. I believe it would be both dangerous and reckless to elect a person as President who might feel he owes allegiance and must answer to a political force that has already demonstrated their bigoted attitudes by the number of Afro-American churches that were torched during the last presidential campaign.

I am not suggesting that Mr. Bush would, in any way, endorse such action. I do, however, feel strongly that even a minor political victory for the fundamentalists would send a message that might heighten world tension.

This is not a minor problem isolated in the American South. It is world wide. Iran is in its own political struggle between the voice of reason and the demands of Islamic fundamentalists. Also, in the state of Israel, the Orthodox or Jewish fundamentalists are

attempting to assert political control, strongly suggesting that the only purpose for Israel to exist as a nation is to be Jewish. To them, being Jewish means to accept and practice the religious demands of the Orthodox faith and is not to be confused with being Jewish by ethnic heritage.

These three religions, each born in the Mid-East and each claiming Abraham as their Father, have a history of violence in the name of their gods whenever the extreme right has been able to exert primary influence in the prevailing political arena. In the Hebrew scriptures, which Christians refer to as the Old Testament, there are many stories of genocide, rape and torture because "The Voice of God" commanded it.

When the Christian religion controlled the political climate in Europe countless innocent people were tortured, imprisoned or burned at the stake because they were accused of not embracing the canonized teachings of the church. Thousands were needlessly killed in the holy wars known as the Crusades. Even today, the extreme Islamic fundamentalists use a form of evangelism that proved effective centuries ago for the

Christians. It's simple. If they don't convert, kill them!

Our nuclear weapons and the possibility of world destruction that is available at the push of a button demands of our political leaders ever greater ability to cooperate, compromise and think critically, qualities that are sorely lacking in any of the fundamentalist movements around the world.

While I am anti-extremist, I am not anti-religious. Religion, in its pure form, is the essential activity of introspection and symbolic thinking that brings compassion, understanding, acceptance, purpose and meaning to our outer reality. Extremism, on the other hand demands of its followers a kind of blind, unquestioning faith that borders on superstition and is easily manipulated by power-hungry leaders.

I am not opposed to fundamental religions. They obviously meet a need for some people or they wouldn't have a following. I am opposed to aggressive evangelism and attempts at overt political control. Each of these are both dangerous and arrogant.

Terry Dickinson
Grayling

Apology owed for 'vicious' words?

To the editor,

This is in response to Debbie Weaver's letter to the editor:

Ms. Weaver, I commend you for taking the time to write your view on the school bond issue. It is your right and your obligation to express your views in any forum available to you.

Unfortunately, from the tone of your letter, you seem to believe that the same courtesy should not be extended to those who disagree with you.

Well, Ms. Weaver, I happen to oppose the school bond issue and have written several letters to the editor expressing my views on the subject.

Are you tired of seeing my letters, too? Or, is it that you only respond to letters from people you seem to think you can intimidate? Mr. Seaver's letter voices some legitimate concerns and only adds fuel to the views of many people who distrust the motives of the school board.

Your anger and remarks toward Mr. Seaver are misplaced and uncalled for.

When this bond proposal was first brought to light two years ago, the main concerns of the school board were supposedly the need for a new heating system and roof. Many people in the community were willing to support this proposal.

Unfortunately, the board then saw an opportunity to incorporate many more frills (that's right, frills) into the proposal, adding to it, additional classrooms, new windows, larger auditorium, bigger cafeteria, etc., etc.

They have been inflexible on this proposal, and have had an all-or-nothing attitude in the matter. If the board had been truly concerned with the students' welfare, and given the fact they knew the heating system was in need of replacement, they would have gotten their priorities straight and settled for this scaled back proposal.

In my opinion, the chances that the people of Grayling would have supported the replacement of the roof and heating system were very good.

Unfortunately, Ms. Weaver, the board managed to cut their own throats by their unwillingness to negotiate. Oh, they claim to have scaled back their requests, but the present proposal is very close to the original.

The only item taken off the present proposal, for now, is the expansion of the auditorium.

Ms. Weaver, how many school board meetings have you personally attended? Please don't tell me you don't have time, or cannot make them. I am part of a dedicated group of people who make time to attend, even though these people

have very busy schedules and other obligations, also.

This group has been working hard to get the word to the people of Grayling about what the school board is attempting to do. We will continue to work to see that this present proposal is defeated again in June.

Ms. Weaver, may I suggest you redirect your anger toward your arrogant and inflexible school board.

And by the way, Ms. Weaver, I know Mr. Seaver personally, and can say that he is one of the kindest most sincere and dedicated people I have the privilege of knowing, and consider him a friend. Your comments toward him are unwarranted. I suggest you examine your own life and not make allegations toward a person you don't know. Mr. Seaver's only sin was disagreeing with you.

That is hardly reason for your vicious, spiteful statements directed toward him. It is probably too much to hope for, but an apology to Mr. Seaver from you would show that you are a fairer person than your letter indicates.

Until the board is willing to compromise on the bond issue, chances are good it will be defeated for the third time in June.

James Allman
Frederic

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Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

New recycling program made possible by many

To the editor and Crawford County residents,

Although I always enjoy receiving good press, the article in the February 17, 2000 *Avalanche* on the Crawford County recycling proposal gave me a bit too much credit.

There were many people who worked very hard on making the proposal successful, and they need to be recognized also.

The gentlemen who truly deserve credit are Lee Riley, Scott Hanson, Joe Myers, Fred Schaibly, Terry Wright and Paul Compo. Recognition is also due Ed Holtcamp who assisted in our being able to obtain a truck at such an excellent price.

The gentlemen mentioned above crossed political boundaries in order to put together a proposal that we feel will benefit all of the residents of the county, both now and in the future.

There will be some bugs that will need to be worked out, but the program that has been organized is in the best interest of all county residents and the environment.

Hopefully this is the first step in assembling a recycling program that will be a model for other counties in the region. We have already been approached for information.

Pat Merrill
Crawford County
Environmental Monitor

Winter Fun Days was successful because of many

To the editor,

We wanted everyone who took part in this year's Winter Fun Days celebration as either a planner, organizer, volunteer, participant or spectator, to know it could not have happened without each and every one of you.

Your time and effort helped make this a successful community event.

We are already planning next winter's festival, which we hope will continue to get bigger and better.

Bruce McGuire
Cindy Olson and the
Winter Fun Days Committee

BRIEFS

Retired federal employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Association for Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2305 will meet Thursday, March 2 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. with the business meeting to follow at about 12:15 p.m. Membership is open to civilians with at least five years of vested service in any agency of the federal or District of Columbia government, including retirees, former employees, current employees and spouses of current employees, as well as spouses and surviving spouses of those eligible to join. For more information, call Rudy Martinez at (517) 348-5326.

Free presentation offered to disabled

A free presentation on trust planning and supportive housing for persons with disabilities will be offered Monday, February 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center's Lake Superior Room, 9901 E. 13th Street in Cadillac. The presentation is sponsored by North Central Community Mental Health and Wexford-Missaukee Community Transition Council. For more information, call Val Bishop at (231) 876-3309.

Red Cross offers premarital health class

The American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter will be offering a Premarital Health Counseling class, required by the State of Michigan to obtain a marriage license, on Monday, March 6 beginning at 5 p.m. Fee for the class is \$25 per couple. A special session can be arranged for those needing a time other than the regularly scheduled class. Pre-registration is necessary. Call (517) 732-7161 to register or make special session arrangements. Classes are held at the Red Cross office in Gaylord, 1349 S. Otsego, Suite 9, in the Parkside Mini Mall.

Jack Frost Open helps crippled kids

The 10th Annual Jack Frost Open, to benefit Roscommon County Crippled Children's Fund, will be held Saturday, February 26 on the north shore of Houghton Lake at Dud's Duck Inn. Golfing on the ice begins at 1 p.m. using a two-person scramble format. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and cost is \$10 per person. There will also be a bake sale, auction and Karaoke following the golf outing. Anyone interested in providing baked goods, items for auction, or monetary donations should contact Dud's Duck Inn at (517) 422-5918, Nancy Kahn at (517) 821-9529, Keith Straub at (517) 821-8582, or Bob Rickard at (517) 422-5278.

Free Diabetes Education Classes offered

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord is offering free Diabetes Education Classes in March. Scheduling is as follows: March 6, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Introduction: "The Basics," learn about diabetes and how to live with it; March 13, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. - The "Nuts & Bolts" of Diabetes & Nutrition, learn about carbohydrates counting and exchanges; March 20, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Heart Disease: "What You Need to Know;" and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Medications & Insulin: "How They Affect You;" March 27, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Exercise: "A Necessary Tool for Good Control;" and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Foot Care: "Don't Take Anything for Granted." All classes are held in the 1st floor OMH boardroom. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call (517) 731-2193.

RSVP meeting planned for next week

All current Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers are invited to and are encouraged to attend an informational meeting at 10 a.m. on February 29 at the Crawford County Commission on Aging building, located at 308 Lawndale in Grayling. Staff from Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) will be on hand to answer questions about the status of RSVP and will have time sheets for volunteers to take with them. For more information, call Laurie Sauer at NEMCSA at (517) 356-3474, ext. 263.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 55 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from February 13 through February 19:

Two false alarms, one animal control, one misdemeanor arrest, one assault, two assists to other departments, 14 check law violations, six city ordinance violations,

one civil complaint, one juvenile complaint, three larcenies, one malicious destruction of property, one motorist assist, four private property accidents, three traffic accidents, one armed robbery and 13 miscellaneous complaints. Five traffic warnings were also given during the period.

Zonta Club offers two scholarships

The Zonta Club of Roscommon County Area, an International Professional Women's organization, announces the availability of two scholarships.

A \$300 scholarship will be given to someone who is presently attending or returning to college for the spring and fall semester. It is specifically for anyone who is interested in learning new skills or enhancing present skills in order to obtain employment.

Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office at Kirtland Community College or by calling Francelle Hagerty at (517) 275-6174, or by contacting any member of Zonta Club of Roscommon County Area.

Blood drive scheduled for March 1

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, March 1 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling.

Blood drive hours are 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. All types of blood are needed, especially Type "O."

Seniors and students are welcome to donate and nurses will be available to answer any questions.

At the January blood drive, sponsored by M.A.T.E.S., there were 85 donors. First time donors were: John H. Cammin, Sr., Shirley Clough, Frank Kasper, Patricia Kasper and Bonnie Shunatona.

Gallon pins were given to: one gallon - Eric Waite and Vicki Royston; two gallons - Jennifer Gall; six gallons - William O'Mara, Sr.; 11 gallons - Larry Rouse.

Pepper's party provides



On December 22, 1999, a 13th "birthday blast" was held in honor of Pepper, a dog belonging to Barbara Nelson of Grayling. Nelson is a member of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) and wanted to promote the local food pantry while encouraging positive fellowship within the St. John WELCA group. Guests attending Pepper's party at Shoppenagon's Inn were asked to bring a can of food or \$1 to be donated to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Shown are the donations collected in Pepper's honor.

Moose offering scholarships to eligible high school juniors

The R. Robert Dale Scholarship season is open now through June 30, 2000 to high school Class of 2001 students from Moose families.

Lodge and/or Chapter members who are fathers, mothers, or guardians of a high school junior should be alerted to this student's one-time chance to win a \$1,000 from Moose International.

Students with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or a C+ average or higher can apply for the scholarship drawing at the Moose Association Conventions from July through November.

The Class of 2001 applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000. There are no association extension dates allowed. Winners will be notified by December 1, 2000.

Easy to complete application forms are available from the Lodge Administrator or Chapter Recorder who will also confirm the good standing membership of the parent(s) or guardian(s), then will affix the Lodge or Chapter seal. Only one eligible application per student is submitted even if both parents are members in good standing.

When the student and school counselor have filled in the remaining information, the application is ready to be mailed or faxed to Moose International.

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The Bible Speaks

Clergy Defend Immorality

Don Feder reported in the January 31, 2000 issue of *The Boston Herald* that over 900 liberal clergy signed a manifesto endorsing "fornication, licentiousness and sodomy." According to Feder, these liberal clergy ran an ad in *The New York Times* calling "for public approval of same-sex marriage, sex education for all grades, unrestricted access to abortion and population control." Half of the signers represented four of the most liberal denominations. There were "No Evangelicals, Orthodox rabbis or black pastors signed on," Feder reported.

"There is a dichotomy between the signers' mentality and normative Christianity and Judaism, which hold that the spiritual leader's role is to teach, to communicate uncomfortable truths and to challenge the times instead of making peace with them," Feder said. And what do these liberal clergy do with clear Bible teaching? Feder answers, "Since the liberal words of the Bible won't support the worldview of the clerical left, it adheres to something called the 'spirit of the Scriptures.'" In other words, they make the Bible say what they want it to say. They change Bible truth into a lie to promote their own sinful agenda.

This is another sign of the last days as described in the Bible. (2 Tim. 4:3-4) "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves

teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." These liberal clergy have rejected the truth of God and are promoting lying fables. Liberal clergy have promoted such sins for centuries. (Jer. 23:14) "I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah." Why did God destroy the Sodomites with fire and brimstone? (Gen. 13:13) "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly." So also are modern religious sodomites!

God gave us examples of His terrible judgment on sex sin in the Bible to restrain our behavior and warn us. (2 Pet. 2:6) "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly." (Jude 1:7) "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Growing national immorality is destroying our families, communities, and nation from within just like ancient

Rome. We point to the power of "political correctness" and other circumstances to justify our apathy and indifference, but "Christian" inaction is to blame. (Isa.59:4) "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." (Eph 6:13,14) "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." Let us boldly stand up for the truth in this evil day!

"Pastor "B" Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn Bible prophecy for Y2K and beyond. Join us in a verse study of the book of Revelations each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Local church hosts World Day of Prayer

This year, the Grayling area's participation in the World Day of Prayer will be hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church on March 3.

World Day of Prayer is an international movement uniting Roman Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and

other Christian men and women in "informed prayer and prayerful action."

This year the worship will be led by the Christian women of Indonesia.

Everyone in the community is invited to St. Mary's Catholic

Church at 1 p.m. on March 3 to join in the celebration of World Day of Prayer 2000. The church is located on the corner of Peninsular and Lake Streets.

A short program will be presented, followed by refreshments in St. Mary's Family Center.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

February 24 - BP's taken from 11 a.m. - noon; Seminar on Type 2 Diabetes at 5:15 p.m.

February 27 - Potluck at 2 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and tableware. COA furnishes the meat for sandwiches.

February 28 - Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

February 29 - Leap Year Dance at 5:30 p.m.

March 1 - Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Games at 1:30 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

March 2 - Lucky 7 Casino trip at 10:30 a.m.

March 3 - Pantry Bingo

March 5 - Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

Lunch/Dinner for February 2000: 23 - Breaded Chicken/Italian Round Steak

24 - Dressing and Sour Pork/Turkey with Sweet

25 - Swiss Steak/no dinner

28 - Stuffed Peppers/Macaroni and Cheese with Hot Dogs

29 - Ham/Chicken ala King

Lunch/Dinner for March 2000:

1 - Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken

2 - Pot Roast/Pork Steak

3 - Beef Stew/no dinner

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It's Good for You

Sunday
Ephesians
1:1-14

Monday
Ephesians
1:15-22

Tuesday
Ephesians
2:1-10

Wednesday
Ephesians
2:11-22

Thursday
Ephesians
3:1-13

Friday
Ephesians
3:14-21

Saturday
Ephesians
4:1-16

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Sunday Radio Ministry... 8 am, 101.1 WQON
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

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Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

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Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday... 7 pm

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Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

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Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

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Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

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Morning Worship... 11 am
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Wednesday... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
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Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
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Morning Worship... 11 am
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Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

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Saturday Vigil Mass... 8 pm
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Scripture Study (Sundays)... 9:15 am
Daily Masses... 8:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays... 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm
Blessing Radio (Internet) <http://blessing-radio.com>

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M-72 West
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Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

Church of Christ
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Sunday Worship... 11 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

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Sunday Service... 10 am

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Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

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Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

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Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday... 7 pm

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

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GLE Fund awards \$4,000 to G.R.A.C.E.

Customers of Great Lakes Energy Cooperative recently donated \$4,000 to the G.R.A.C.E. Center for the purchase of a laptop computer and related software.

The \$4,000 grant awarded by the Great Lakes Energy People Fund Board of Directors represents another investment in supporting local charitable causes within Great Lakes Energy's service area that includes 24 Michigan counties stretching from the Mackinac

Straits to Kalamazoo.

The funds will be used to help cover the cost of computer equipment used to enhance substance abuse counseling in the Grayling community.

G.R.A.C.E. Center is the only private, non-profit counseling agency that is state licensed and fully accredited in Crawford County.

They treated a total of 1,208 clients last year.

The People Fund is part of Operation RoundUp, a voluntary charitable contribution program sponsored by GLE customers. Participating customers' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next highest dollar with the extra few cents going into the program's People Fund. The People Fund is administered by a volunteer board of directors separate from the co-op's board, and funds are distributed to charitable organizations

throughout GLE's service territory. More than \$176,500 in grants were awarded to charities throughout the GLE service area in 1999.

All Operation RoundUp money collected from GLE customers is returned to charitable, non-profit organizations in their communities. There are no overhead expenses or administrative costs.

Any charitable organizations interested in learning more about the People Fund should contact Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-GT-LAKES (1-888-485-2537).

Free books available to non-profit groups

The Public Enrichment Foundation is seeking non-profit agencies/organizations which would benefit from becoming recipients of Michigan's free book program.

Yes, agencies could receive material for free distribution to their clients. New books and other items are available in large quantities to many groups, such as health departments, schools, youth groups,

senior citizen programs, jails, parenting groups, etc. There is a wide range of categories from which to choose.

Conveniently located organizational meetings are being arranged throughout northern Michigan. There is absolutely no cost for the materials.

Kathy Mobarak is the newest board member of the Public Enrichment Foundation, lives in the

Grayling/Roscommon area, and is actively recruiting interested agencies and organizations.

Anyone wishing more information should leave a message for Mobarak at (517) 275-8273 and be ready to provide the following information:

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Winning bids posted on power company's web site

Consumers Energy has now made available 7.5 percent of its electric capacity—or 450 megawatts—to competing power generators with the completion of the third round of bids in the utility's Electric Consumer Choice program.

The winning bids are posted on the Consumers Energy company's website at: consumersenergy.com.

Interest in the program continued at a strong pace during the third round with a total of 40 bids submitted by 19 individual bidders.

The amount capacity made available to the bidders was 150 megawatts.

Two additional 150 megawatt blocks of capacity are scheduled to be made available for bids beginning on February 28 and October 30 to 2000.

By January 1, 2002, all 1.6 million of Consumers Energy's retail electric customers will have an opportunity to choose a different supplier of electricity.

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Photographs on exhibit at Kirtland

A reception for photographer Jan Kellogg was held at the Continuing Education Center (CEC) on College Drive on the Kirtland Community College campus on Friday, February 25.

Kellogg's work has been on exhibit at the Center's Art Gallery since February 1 and will remain on display through February 28.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Kellogg takes photos of nature, wildlife, still life and anything else that catches her eye. She especially likes to find the designs hidden in everyday scenes.

Kellogg has been seriously pursuing, studying and practicing photography for ten years. Her work has

been displayed in many area juried art exhibitions from Traverse City to Alpena, and shown in several publications, including *The Art Source* through the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts.

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One non-traffic accident, one traffic violation/civil infraction, one parking violation, one property inspection, five civil matter disputes/family trouble, five suspicious situations, one lost/found property, one natural death, three CSC-3rd degree;

One burglary/home invasion, three larceny, two fraudulent activities, three public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, 11 health and safety (all animal control).

Sherman and Hindmarsh wed OBITUARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Hindmarsh

Beverly Dawn Sherman, daughter of Ronald and René Sherman of Troy, married Ryan Hindmarsh, son of Wayne and Jini Hindmarsh of Grosse Pointe, on June 19, 1999 in Guardian Angels Church of Clawson. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Beaver Creek Country Club in Rochester.

The bride wore a white silk organza gown that featured an empire waist, butterfly sleeves, and a fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and Gerber daisies.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Margaret Callaghan of Brighton. Bridesmaids were Stacey Sherman, sister-in-law of the bride of Sterling Heights, Catherine Wilk of New

York City, and Nicole DiMuzio of Harper Woods. Stephanie Stephan, sister of the groom and Christine Scatland, cousin of the bride, served as readers. Marie Boyle-Reinman of Grosse Pointe Woods performed the vocal solos.

Paul Podzikowski of Farmington Hills was bestman. Groomsmen were Robert Sherman, the bride's brother, Michael Saldana and James McKenzie. Ushers were Christopher Bennett, cousin of the groom, and Andrew Sherman, brother of the bride.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Michigan State University and practices as a Registered Nurse at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe. The groom earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Japanese Language from the University of Michigan. He is an account executive at Toyota Tsusho America in Southfield.

The couple were honored by the presence of the groom's Host-Mother, Mrs. Yumiko Fugisaki from Tokyo, Japan in full kimono, and other guests from Seattle, Washington and San Francisco, California.

The couple traveled to the Caribbean and reside in Grosse Pointe.

Elsie A. Cobb

Elsie A. Cobb, 85, longtime resident of Grayling died Friday February 18, 2000 at her home.

Mrs. Cobb was born in East Bloomfield, New York, July 8, 1914, the daughter of Herbert L. and Henrietta L. (Parnelle) Ackner. She was raised and educated in Lancaster, New York.

She worked in Buffalo, New York and later in St. Louis, Missouri, where she met her husband of 53 years, John W. Cobb. They were married in Lancaster, New York on December 23, 1947. She was a career secretary with the U.S. Air Force during her husband's Air Force career. She was a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She will be missed by her family and her many friends.

Mrs. Cobb was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law.

She is survived by her husband, John; a sister-in-law, Mary A. Moyer (Harley) of Advance, Missouri; a brother-in-law, David W. Cobb (Delia); nine nieces and nephews; 12 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Cremation is planned. A memorial service will be held on June 3 at her home.

The family was served by the Sorenson Funeral Home Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Margaret Mortenson

Margaret Amanda Mortenson, 90, of Venice, Florida, formerly of Grayling died December 9, 1999.

Mrs. Mortenson was born in Marion, Illinois, October 6, 1909. Flint was home to her family, who have now scattered across the country.

She was an active member of West Suburban Bible Church. She sang in the choir and volunteered at the Rescue Mission.

Mrs. Mortenson was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Martin Clarence Mortenson, who died in November, 1964. Sisters Myrna and Gladys also preceded her in death.

She is survived by three children, Gloria Jean Mogford and Dale Dean Mortenson of Venice, Florida and Karra Joan Bielski of Vancouver, Washington; eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mabel Mather of Indiana.

A memorial service was held in Venice, Florida, December 13. Burial will be at Sunset Hills, Flint.

Memorial donations may be made to Carriage Town Ministries, 605 Garland, P.O. Box 318, Flint MI 48501.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Doctors James, McNamara and others, all the nurses and everyone at ICU and 2nd floor for the wonderful care that I received during my recent stay in the hospital.

I would also like to say thank you to my marvelous husband, family, neighbors and many friends, co-workers, MATES, Camp Grayling and also Chaplain Moore and Chaplain Kendall.

Thanks everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and flowers.

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May God Bless all.

Nancy Gingerick

Card of Thanks

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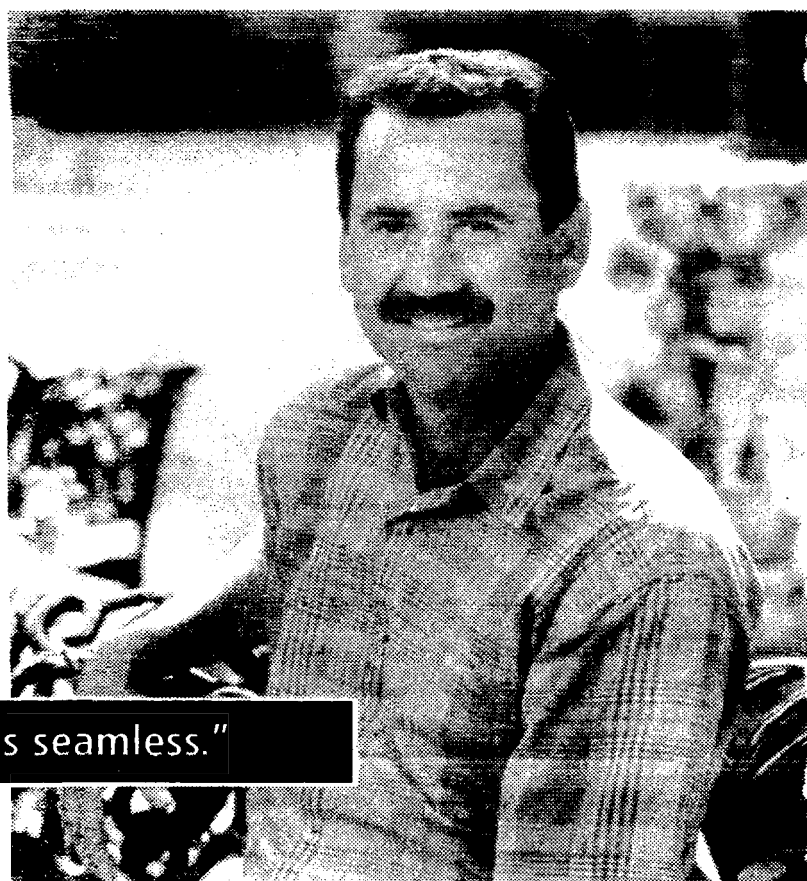
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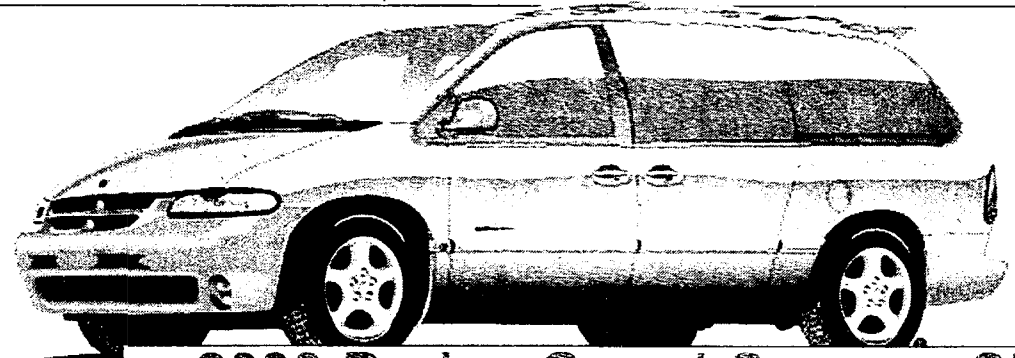
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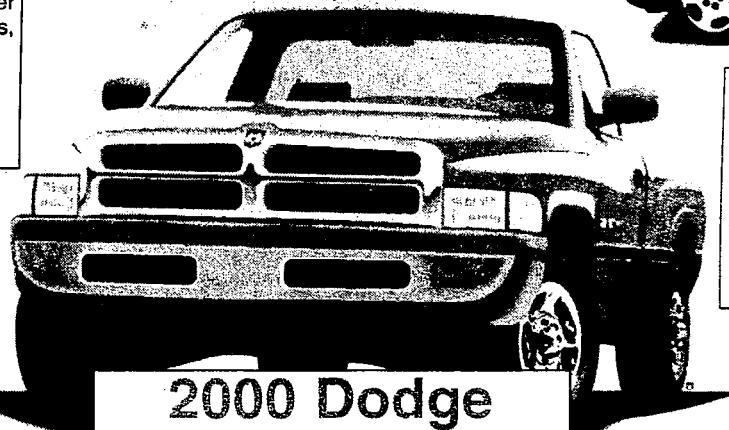


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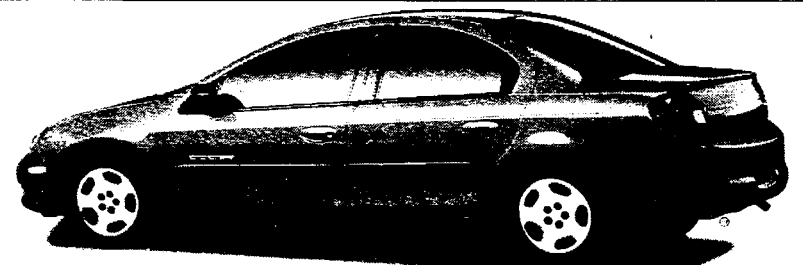


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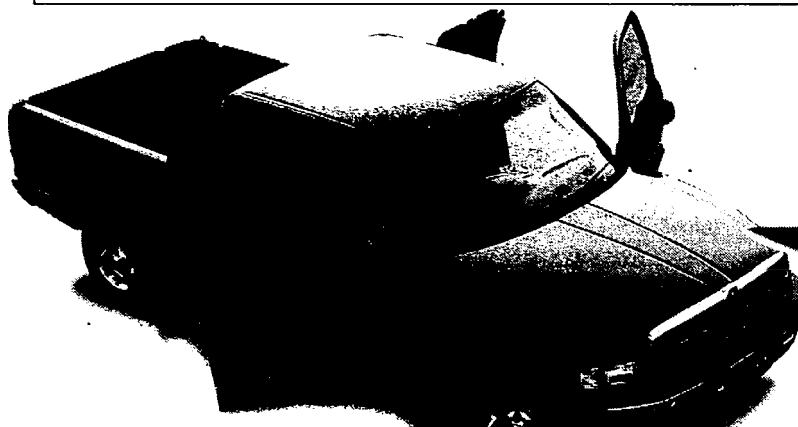
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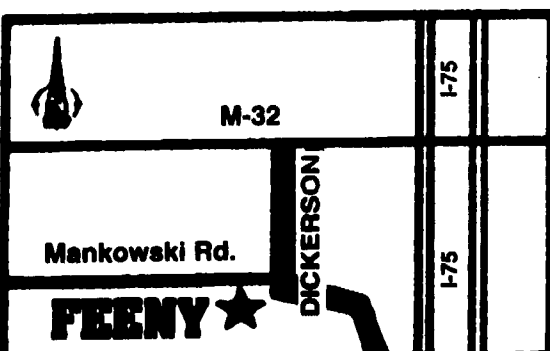
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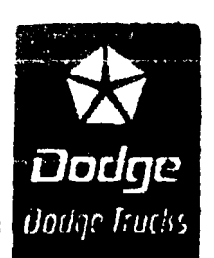
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Tasha is a 1992 graduate of Grayling High School and is employed at Rite Aid.

John is a 1989 graduate of Spring-Ford High School in Royersford, Pennsylvania, and is employed at IBM.

The wedding is scheduled for October 21 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Spring City, Pennsylvania.

Travelogue dinner show visits Mexico

On Thursday, March 2, the Cultural Events Command Performance Dinner Series continues with a trip to Mexico in the Grayling Holiday Inn's Evergreen Room. The featured presenter will be Pat McCarrier, who is no stranger to Travelogue patrons.

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Tickets are \$16.50 per person and includes a complete Mexican buffet featuring a taco and burrito bar, chicken and beef fajita bar, gazpacho soup, Spanish rice, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert.

Reservations can be made by calling the Crawford AuSable School District Community Cultural Events office at (517) 348-7641, ext. 120 or 123.

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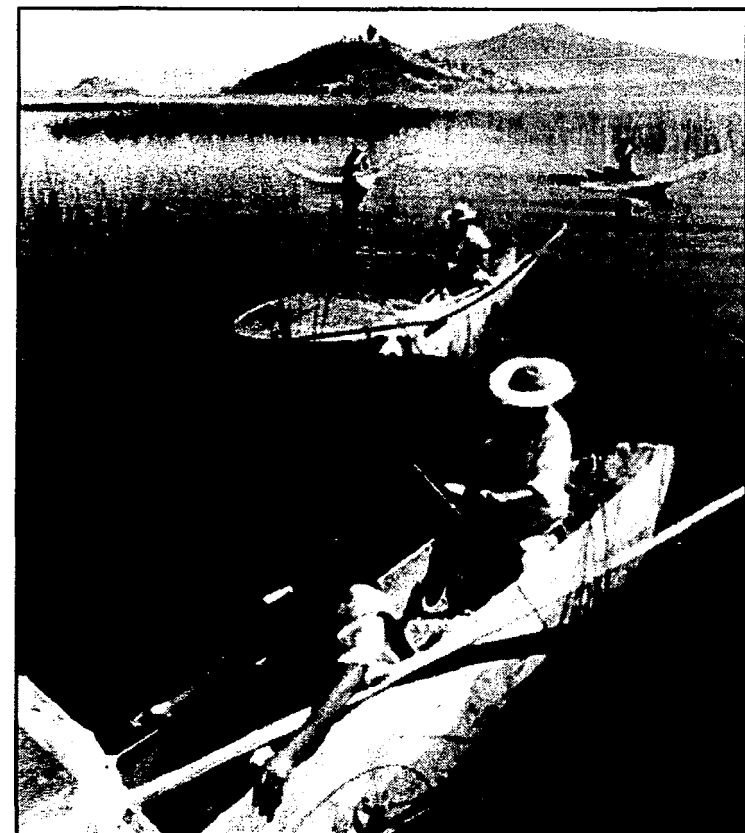
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GMS Bands to perform with EMU

On Thursday, February 24, Pre-Festival excitement continues as the Grayling Middle School (GMS) Bands host Eastern Michigan University (EMU) at Grayling High School in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at 7 p.m.

As always, the Eastern Band has put together an enjoyable performance that will compliment selections presented by our own Grayling Middle School Bands.

Pre-Festival time at the Community Education Cultural Events is always one of the high points in the band concert series, as area audiences have the opportunity to see and hear our own bands perform selections which they will present at the State Festival, as well as having the opportunity to hear some of our fine college and university bands.

The GMS bands will perform

under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee and will be followed by the EMU West Symphony under the direction of Professor Max Plank.

Plank has served EMU since 1967 as Assistant Director of Bands, Professor of Saxophone, Assistant to the Head of the Department of Music, and since 1979, as Director of Bands. In his present position, he oversees the curricular, performance and service components of five performing groups.

EMU has grown from the time it was established in 1849 as the first teacher-training institute west of the Allegheny Mountains into a multi-faceted university of five colleges serving more than 23,000 students.

Please note the doors to the Stripe Auditorium open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from GMS Band members or at the door the night of the performance.

Proceeds from this performance will be used to support spring band activities.

The Learning Through Music Series is made possible with the support of area patrons, businesses, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

GHS '00-'01 course registration begins

The registration process for selecting courses for the 2000-2001 school year began Friday, February 18, according to Grayling High School principal Judith Gorski.

Eighth grade students met with high school counselors and received registration materials on Friday. Eighth graders are scheduled to visit GHS on Wednesday, February 23 in order to meet with Student-Senate members and to tour the high school. Also, a parent information meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. that evening in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Counselors will return to the middle school on February 29 to answer students' questions. Registration materials should be turned in to middle school counselor Joni Metiva by March 3.

GHS Freshman received their registration materials on February 21. Sophomores will receive theirs on February 24, and Juniors will get theirs on March 1. All registration materials are due back to the counselors by March 6.

Staff will be assisting students by making recommendations regarding the most appropriate individual course selections.

Parents of incoming freshman with questions are encouraged to contact Joni Metiva at the middle school. Parents of students currently attending the high school may contact their child's counselor -- Cathy Frederick or Lynn Thompson -- for answers to scheduling questions.

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Grayling ski teams fail to qualify for State

► Grayling misses chance to go to State; Viking skier Ginther qualifies as individual

The GHS ski teams competed in Regionals last Thursday, but failed to qualify for the State Ski Finals. At Regionals, the top three teams qualify for State.

The Viking boys team was three points away from state qualification in the giant slalom (GS). Grayling's usually good slalom team put three

people in the snow and finished fifth.

Top skier for the Vikings was Matt Ginther, who qualified for the State Finals as an individual in both slalom and GS, placing 9th and 10th. Jason Boreo was 17th and 15th. Boreo missed qualifying for state by .41 seconds.

Paul Jansen finished 24th and 41st, John Herrick was 46th and 25th, and Ray Trudgeon placed 51st and 19th. Derek Quick finished 27th in GS and did not finish the slalom.

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(Above) Matt Ginther competes in giant slalom. Ginther was the only Viking to qualify for the State Finals this year. He placed 9th in slalom and 10th in giant slalom at Regionals, qualifying for the State competition in both events. (Left) Kelly Jansen skis the slalom course. Jansen was the top finisher for the Grayling girls ski team at Regionals with a 20th in slalom and a 28th in giant slalom.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Vikings win 6 at NEMC tourney

► GHS volleyball team beats 6 league opponents, loses to 2 at conference meet

The GHS varsity volleyball team won six matches and lost two on Saturday, February 19, at the North East Michigan Conference meet, taking the squad's league record to 12-3. The Vikings still have one conference match to play this season against Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

Grayling's tightest match came against the Pinconning Spartans. Grayling played hard and had a chance to win, but fell to a powerful Pinconning team.

In the first game, both teams played well, with great hitting and blocking. The match stayed close, with the Spartans leading 11-10 late in the game.

Jenny Phillips and Mel Paxton hit hard from the outside to keep Grayling in the game, but the Spartans pulled away and won 15-11.

The second match proved to be equally challenging for both teams. The Vikings moved the ball around the net, attacking from all positions

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GMS 8th graders finish 6-5

► Vikings beat Roscommon Bucks, but lose to Bobcats in HL Tournament

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (green) team finished its season at 6-5, defeating Roscommon in the opening round of the Houghton Lake Tournament, but losing to a strong Houghton Lake squad in the tourney championship game.

"The boys did a great job this year," said Coach Craig Hofman. "Having only seven players made it difficult at times but they hung in there every game."

Greg Morrill and Sean Kelly played well defensively this season against larger opponents. Joe Lange led the team in rebounding and also came offensively in the low post. Roy Czapek also played well on the boards and on offense.

Andy Strohpaal did a good job of running the offensive plays and produced a lot of turnovers with his aggressive defense. Chad Helsel improved his skills as a guard this year and his defense was tough against quick opposing guards.

Tyler Knapp had a rough year being sick for two games, but fought through it and became an excellent assist man and helped control the tempo of the game. He

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Memorial record board dedicated at GHS



The new record board in the Grayling High School gymnasium (right), which represents GHS records for sports played inside in the gym, was purchased with monies dedicated to the Ray Lange Memorial. Lange, a dedicated and devoted fan of Grayling athletics, passed away last February. (above) Bill Klinger (center), GHS Athletic Director, dedicated the record board at a varsity basketball game earlier this season. Klinger presented Lange's wife Barb with a bouquet of flowers and Lange's son Mike with a plaque in appreciation of the new record board.

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Fly fishing school to be held in summer

► Trout Unlimited to hold 30th annual school, Boardman River will be site

The Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited (TU) has announced the dates of its 30th annual Fly Fishing School, which will be held on the weekend of June 9-11.

The school will again be headquartered at Ranch Rudolf, located southeast of Traverse City on the Boardman River. This is the same location that TU has held its summer fly fishing schools since the early 1970's.


The school is a non-profit project of the Michigan Council of TU. The school is open to everyone; membership in TU is not required.

Instructors for the school are all members of TU who donate their time and talent. Most have been instructors for more than 10 years, and all have been specially trained for the school. The ratio of students to instructors is usually four to one.

Instruction is available at all levels, from beginners to advanced, and covers all facets of fly fishing, with emphasis on proper casting techniques.

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Five wrestlers qualify for Regionals

► Vikings unable to win Team Districts; 5 wrestlers place well at Individual Districts

At Team Districts last week, the GHS wrestling team failed to advance after losing to a strong Reed City team in the district finals, but five Vikings qualified for Regionals at the 14-team Individual Districts held this past Saturday.

On Wednesday, February 16, the Vikings started Team Districts with a win over Manistee 43-30. Earning points for Grayling were: Andy Palmer (119), 6 points, pin; Matt Evon (125), 6, bye; Josh Niederer (135), 6, pin; Jesse Gildner (130), 6, bye; Larry Baker (152), 3, 10-9 decision; Marc Weaver (160), 6, pin; Chris Peters (171), 4, 14-0 decision; Victor CdeBaca (189), 6, bye.

The Vikings then wrestled against a tough Reed City squad, losing to the Coyotes 52-20.

The following GHS wrestlers earned team points: Evon, 4, 14-6 decision; Baker, 6, pin; Weaver, 4, 11-3 decision; CdeBaca, 6, default.

At Individual Districts on Saturday, February 19, five Vikings placed high enough to earn a spot at the upcoming Regionals competition: Palmer, 2nd place; Evon, 3rd; Niederer, 3rd; Peters, 3rd; CdeBaca, 1st.

Evon, Niederer, CdeBaca, and Peters each drew a "bye" in round one. Palmer advanced with a pin.

In round two, Evon and Niederer advanced with pins. Peters scored a 13-0 decision. CdeBaca won a 9-7 decision in overtime, and Palmer chalked up an 18-2 tech win.

Palmer pinned his third round opponent, and CdeBaca won a 6-4 decision in overtime. Evon, Niederer, and Peters lost their matches.

In round four, Evon, Niederer and Peters each pinned their opponents to advance to the next round.

In the fifth and final round, Palmer lost, clinching second place. Evon won an 8-2 decision to take third in his division. Peters and Niederer both pinned their opponents, each taking a third place. CdeBaca pinned his man in the championship round to take first place.

The five Regional qualifiers will compete at the Regional meet in Roscommon on Saturday, February 26. The top four wrestlers in each weight division will qualify for the State Wrestling Finals.

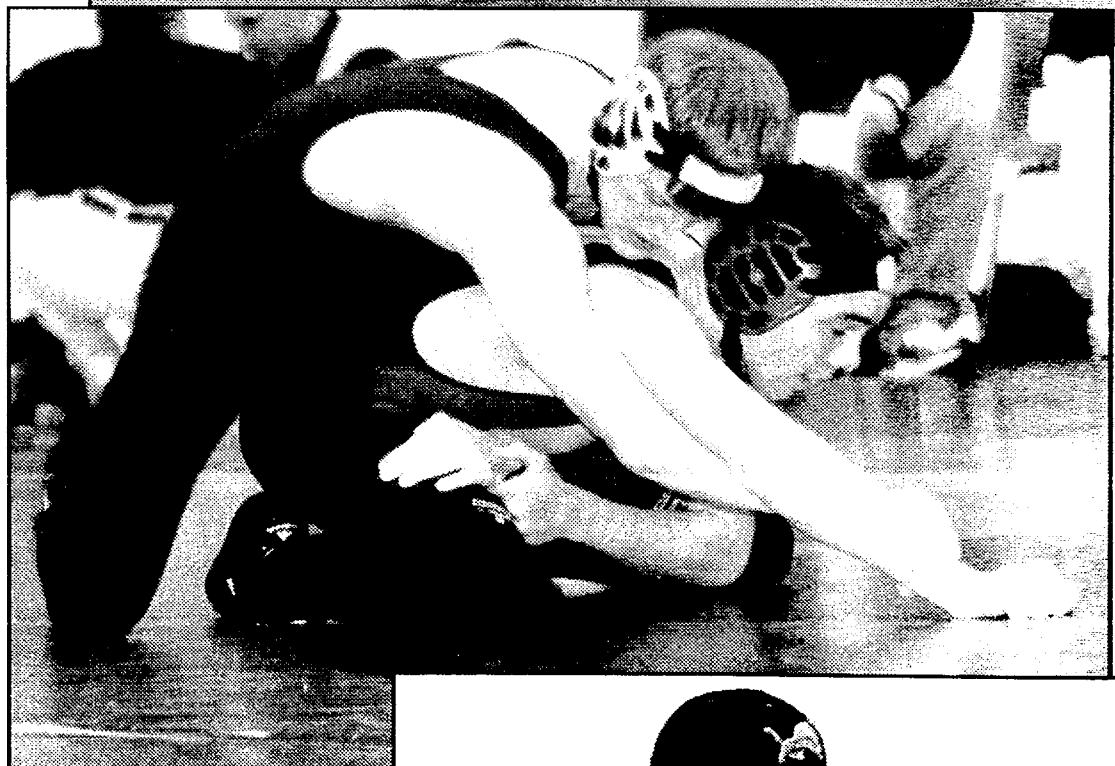


(Above) GHS wrestler Chris Peters works on an opponent at Individual Districts on Saturday. Peters qualified for Regionals by placing 3rd at the event.

Photos by Linda Goltick



(Above right) Josh Niederer wrestles at Individual Districts. Niederer took 3rd place at the meet, qualifying for the upcoming Regionals competition. (Right) Andy Palmer, who made Regionals with a 2nd place finish at Individual Districts, grapples with an opponent.



(Right) Victor CdeBaca receives a 1st place medal for his performance at Individual Districts. CdeBaca drew a "bye" in the first round, won two matches by decision in overtime, then pinned his opponent in the championship round to take the 1st place medal.



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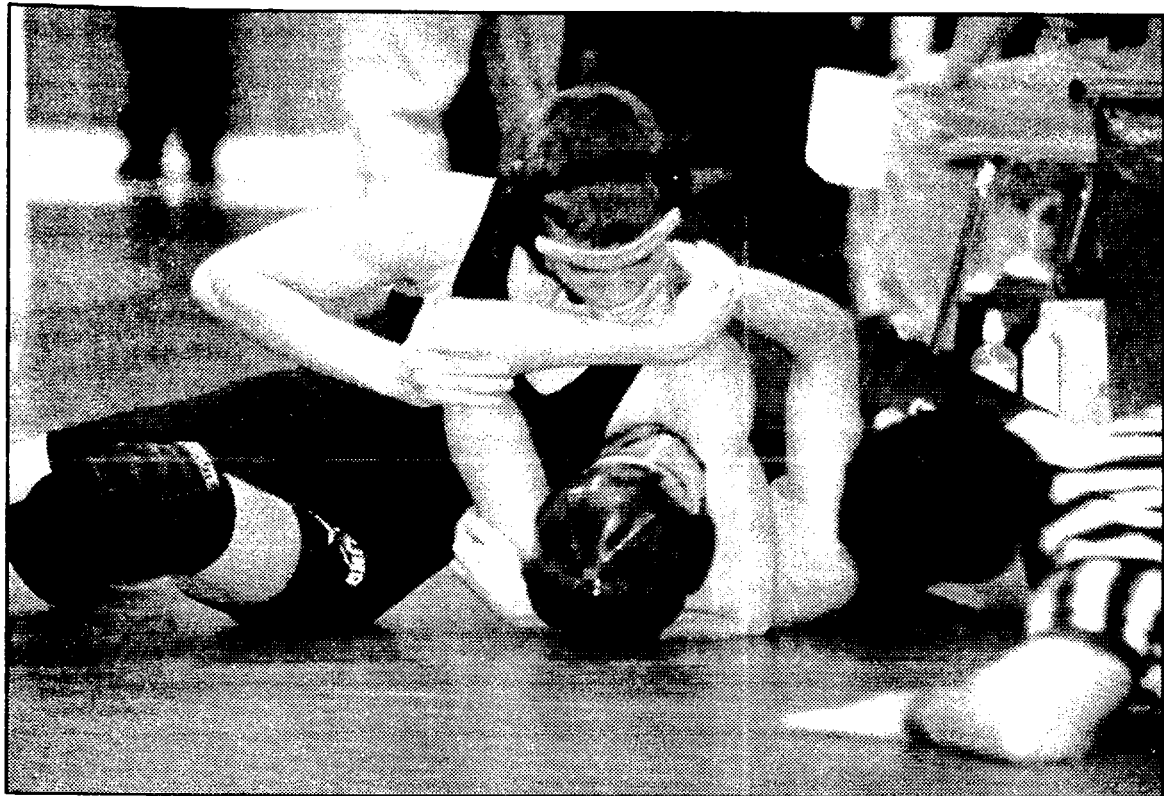
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Five wrestlers qualify for Regionals



(Left) GHS wrestler Matt Evon goes for the pin at Saturday's Individual Districts competition. Evon qualified for Regionals by finishing 3rd at the District meet. Evon will join teammates Chris Peters, Victor CdeBaca, Josh Niederer and Andy Palmer at Regionals on Saturday, February 26, in Roscommon. The top four wrestlers at Regionals in each weight division will qualify for the State Wrestling Finals.

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Throughout the past six weeks, the racers have been awarded points based on their finishing positions. With the conclusion of the clinic, the points were totaled up and trophies and ribbons were awarded to the top racers.

The following are the year-end results:

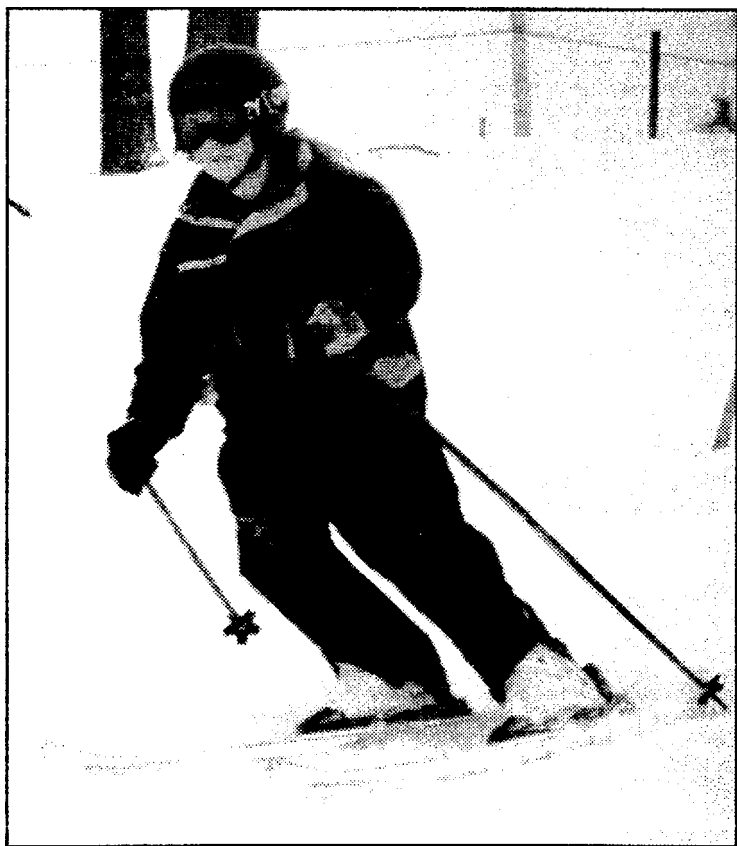
In the pre-school and kindergarten girls group Shannon Scott finished first. Bradley Briggs placed first for the boys. Zach Mech took second. Gracie Calkins led the way for the 1st and 2nd grade girls group. Melissa Kalonich took 2nd and Laura Brackenbury 3rd. Michael Olson led the 1st and 2nd grade boys. Alex Sloan was 2nd, and Jordan Helsel 3rd. Rachael Doremire took the top spot for the 3rd and 4th grade girls. Gabby Calkins was 2nd, Avery Diola 3rd.

and Jessi Riddle finished 4th. Josh Scott finished 1st for the boys followed by Chas Sloan 2nd.

Jill Seager took the 1st place position for the 5th and 6th grade girls followed by Colleen Fleischmann 2nd. Cody Diola placed first for the 5th and 6th grade boys. Jimmy Hilbrecht finished 2nd, A.J. Brackenbury 3rd, Nate Helsel and Wade McGregor 4th, Eric Jurkovich and Paul Brown 5th. Jodi Riddle led the 7th and 8th grade girls. Allison Diola finished 2nd, Beth Lucey 3rd, Mandy Scott 4th, and Heather Vandecar 5th.

Trevor Clough put together a great season to lead the 7th and 8th grade boys. Greg Kalonich was a very close 2nd, Pat McNally 3rd, Jimmy Jansen 4th, Ben Lucey 5th, Matt Seager 6th, John Handy 7th, and Tim Umlor 8th.

John Alef again coordinated the youth ski clinic at Hanson Hills, and Citizens Bank sponsored the six-week event.



Young people ages pre-school through 8th grade competed in the Citizens Bank free ski racing clinic at Hanson Hills this year.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAND AND MINERAL SERVICES DIVISION

NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS LAND TRANSACTION CASE NO. 19980101

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land: **Crawford County, Grayling Township, T26N, R3W. All State-owned land in Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33.**

The proposed sale of this land or rights in land is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the MDNR Director. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

March 8, 2000
4:30 p.m.
Kellogg Center
Michigan State University
Harrison Road
East Lansing, Michigan

Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 p.m. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Theresa Gloden, NRC Secretary at 517-373-2352.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Further information concerning this case is available by contacting Ms. Carol Freed, Land and Mineral Services Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948. Phone (517) 241-2436.

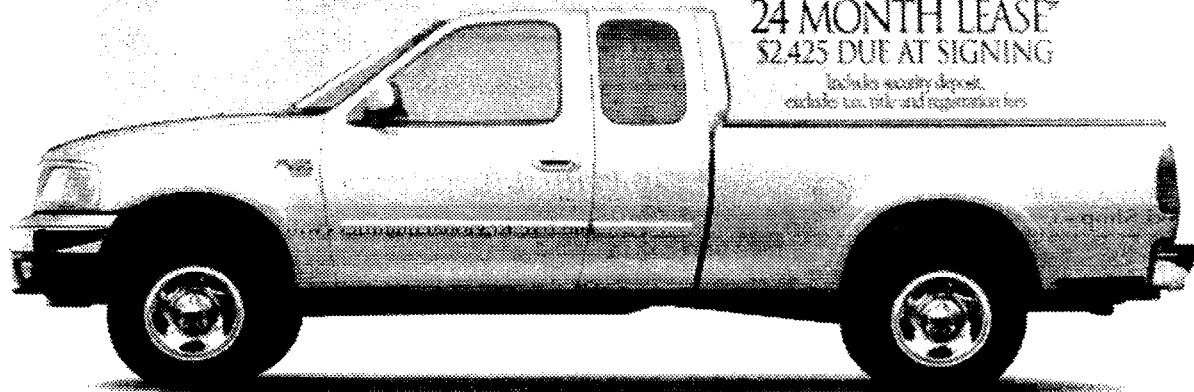
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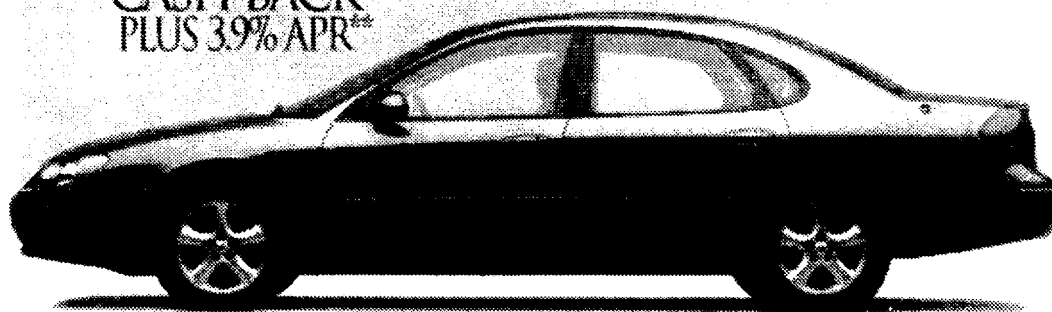
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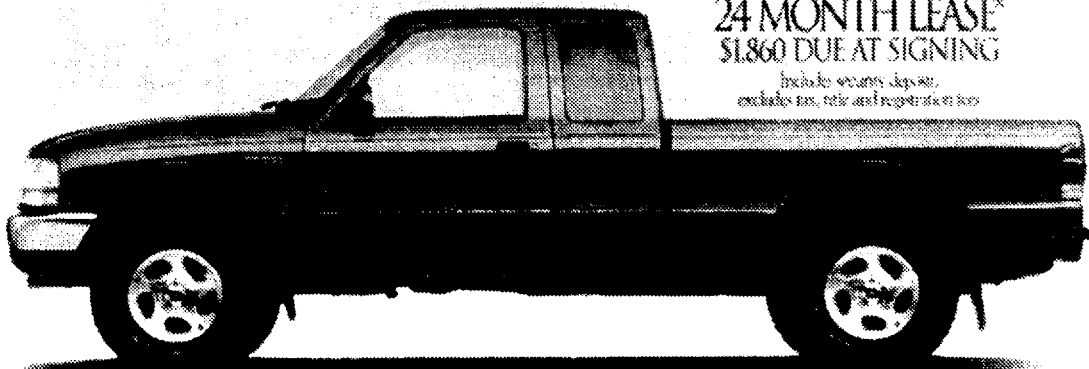


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Grayling ski teams fail to qualify for State

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The GHS girls team finished 11th as a team. Kelly Jansen was the top skier for the Vikings, placing 20th in slalom and 28th in GS out of 70 girls skiing in the meet.

Andy Holzbauer placed 43rd in slalom and 41st in GS. Andria Alvarez finished 31st in GS and disqualified in slalom, and Lesley Gilbert was 57th in slalom and 60th in GS.

Ginther will ski in the State Finals on Monday, February 28, at Nubs Nob near Harbor Springs.



(Above) GHS skier Andria Alvarez finishes the slalom course. (Left) Ray Trudgeon races in giant slalom.



Vikings win 6 at NEMC tournament

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to take a 12-7 lead. Pinconning called a time-out to settle down, then went on to finish the scoring for the game, winning 15-12.

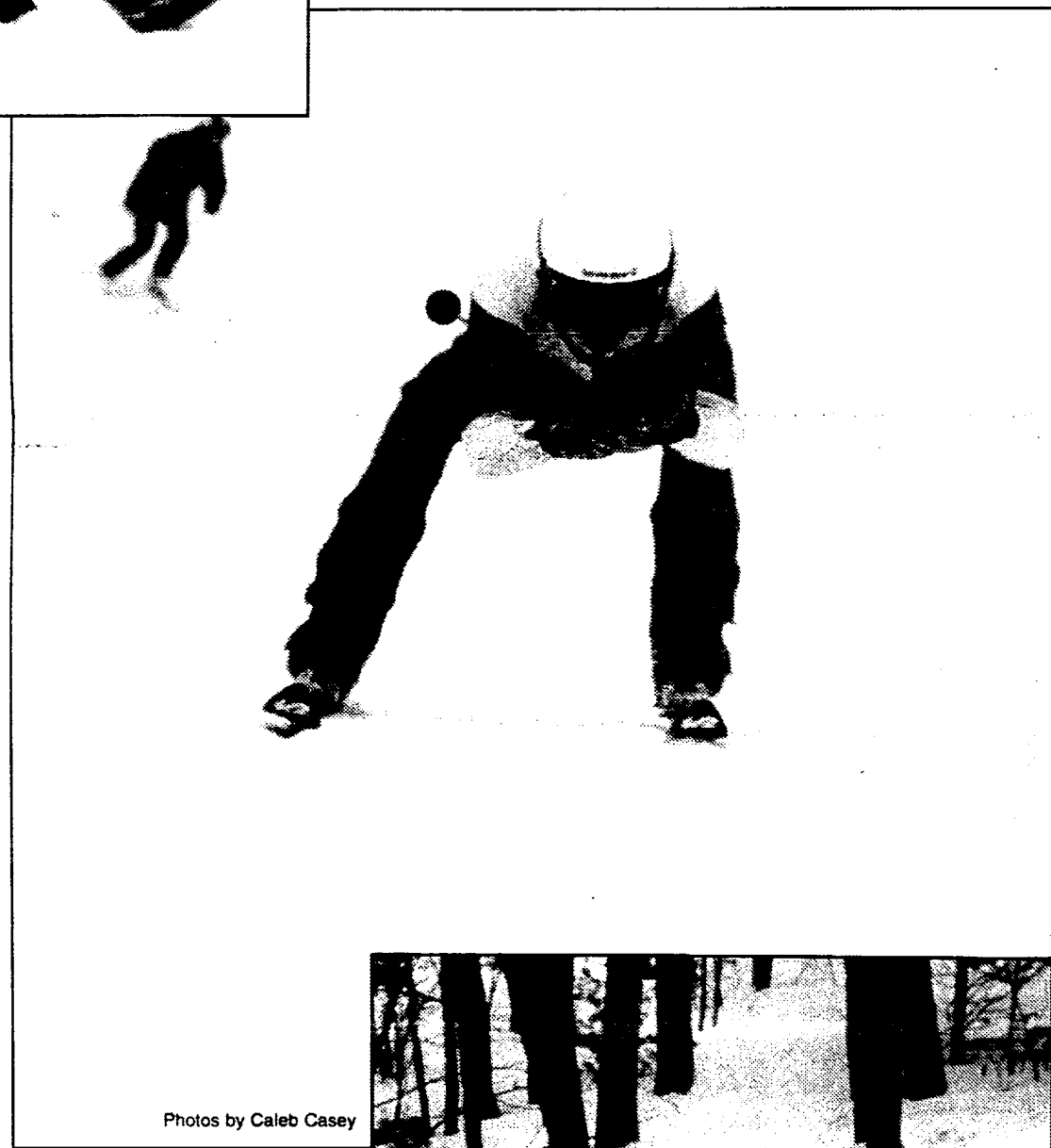
"This was a great match to watch and coach," said Coach Brian Banda. "It shows the progress our team has made in one year. Last year Pinconning defeated us 15-0, 15-0, 15-1, 15-1."

The Vikings defeated Bay City John Glenn, Standish, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, Gladwin, Oscoda and Tawas in Saturday's NEMC meet.

Grayling's other loss came against Ogemaw Heights by scores of 15-7 and 15-10. Ogemaw was ready for the Vikings, and controlled the tempo of the series. The Vikes will have another chance against Ogemaw in the upcoming District Tournament.

The Vikings are now 37-10-5 on the season.

Grayling will head to Saginaw on Monday, February 28. Districts will be held on March 4.



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Above) Jason Boreo competes in giant slalom for GHS. (Right) Andy Holzbauer nears the finish line of the slalom course.

GMS 8th graders finish 6-5

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also showed his ability to hit the three or drive to the basket.

"Except for the last game, the Vikings only lost those four games by a total of 12 points," Hofman said. "This team showed a lot of heart. They were down at Houghton Lake 18-4 and they were down by 20 in Gaylord in the third quarter, but only lost both games by four. They did not give up."

"This team should be proud of its effort and hard work," added Hofman. "They have a lot of talent and ability, and should be fun to watch in high school."



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American Men's
 Forrest Brothers..... 33 - 16
 Moore's Automotive..... 27 - 22
 Stake-Out Steak House..... 27 - 22
 Fenton's Auto Service..... 26 - 23
 Helsel Forest Products..... 24 - 25
 McLeans ACE..... 23 - 26
 CSI Ind. Systems..... 23 - 26
 Upper Lakes Tire..... 13 - 36
 High Game: Lan. Davis, 278; D. Canfield, 236; T. Kotrash, 234; P. Faustman, 234.
 High Series: Lan. Davis, 639; D. Canfield, 622; T. Kotrash, 619.

Friday Mixed Doubles
 Aunt Bettys..... 18.5 - 9.5
 Sledheads of Frederic..... 16 - 12
 Charlies Country Corner..... 15 - 13
 R. Calkins & Sons..... 14 - 14
 Moshier Auto Repair..... 11.5 - 16.5
 Fick & Sons..... 9 - 19
 High Game Men: M. Campbell, 202; D. Wallace, 188; B. Trudeau, 186.
 High Series Men: M. Campbell, 564; D. Wallace, 514; B. Trudeau, 511.
 High Game Women: S. Sumner, 231; D. Medina, 189; K. Trudeau, 189.
 High Series Women: S. Sumner, 571; K. Trudeau, 547; B. Lozon, 511.

National First
 Faustman's Insurance..... 38 - 11
 Forest Brothers..... 33 - 16
 Swamp II..... 26 - 23
 Hellebuyck Masonry..... 22 - 27
 Northern WhiteTail..... 22 - 27
 Guns & Grubs..... 20.5 - 28.5
 Century 21..... 19.5 - 29.5
 Grayling Ford..... 15 - 34
 High Game: A. Angove, 228; J. Thayer, 226; T. Kotrash, 221.
 High Series: T. Kotrash, 642; A. Angove, 625; J. Thayer, 620.

Northwood
 American Legion..... 18 - 6

R. Calkins & Sons..... 16 - 8
 Shady Acres Party Store..... 16 - 8
 Rochettes..... 15 - 9
 R & M Masonry..... 10 - 14
 Pro Tree..... 9 - 15
 Darrell's Roofing..... 7 - 17
 Red Barn..... 5 - 19
 High Game: H. Larm, 242; D. Roman, 214; S. Sumner, 202.
 High Series: S. Sumner, 564; H. Larm, 531; K. Trudeau, 529.

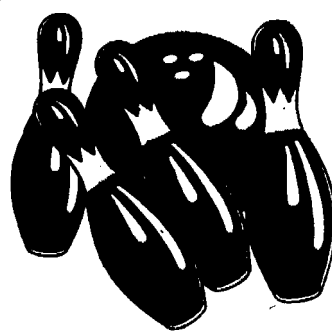
Pioneer
 Chemical Bank..... 21 - 3
 Custom Interior..... 16 - 8
 Ginger's..... 16 - 8
 Aunt Betty's..... 13 - 11
 Millikins..... 10 - 14
 Lady Slippers..... 8 - 16
 Avalanche..... 8 - 16
 Lucky Strikers..... 4 - 20
 High Game: J. Hinds, 197; S. Sumner, 197; L. Golnick, 196.
 High Series: J. Hinds, 544; L. Golnick, 540; C. Jones, 529.

Recreation
 Mickey Perez CPA..... 17 - 7
 Glen's Market..... 15 - 9
 Mark 8..... 15 - 9
 Scheer Motors..... 13 - 11
 Tri★County Meats..... 13 - 11
 Gray Rock Café..... 12 - 12
 Peterson Saw Service..... 6 - 18
 Cornell..... 5 - 19
 High Game: J. Strachan, 208; S. Morse, 191; P. Terry, 189.
 High Series: S. Morse, 531; L. Dellar, 508; B. Wheeler, 508.

Senior
 Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us..... 61 - 27
 Sylvester Sports..... 50 - 38
 Friends & Co..... 46.5 - 41.5
 Baynham Wood Prod..... 43.5 - 44.5
 Tri★County Meats..... 42.5 - 45.5
 Buccillis Pizza..... 39 - 49
 Flowers By Josie..... 35.5 - 52.5
 Cornell Realty..... 34 - 54
 High Game Men: K. Harris, 208; B. Dandy, 204; D. Germain, 204.

High Series Men: D. Germain, 540; B. Dandy, 528; K. Harris, 525.
High Game Women: V. Westover, 202; D. Mead, 187; R. Gierke, 181.
High Series Women: V. Westover, 534; D. Mead, 486; R. Joyce, 465.

Sunday Night Mixed
 Sylvesters..... 26 - 14
 McDonald's of Gaylord 24.5 - 15.5
 Waste Management..... 24 - 16
 Wakeley's Auto Parts..... 23.5 - 16.5
 Custom Interior..... 18 - 22
 R & M Masonry..... 17 - 23
 McDonald's of Gaylord #2..... 16 - 24
 Citgo..... 11 - 29
High Game Men: B. Nielson, 244; R. Adkinson, 224; B. Starks, 221.
High Series Men: B. Nielson, 668; R. Adkinson, 599; R. Hinds, 558.
High Game Women: D. Elekonich, 196; J. Hinds, 186; S. Romain, 173.
High Series Women: J. Hinds, 496; D. Elekonich, 483; L. Dannenberg, 476.



Triangle
 McDonald's..... 24.5 - 11.5
 Tri★County Meats..... 22 - 14
 Gray Rock Café..... 22 - 14
 Moshier Auto..... 18.5 - 17.5
 Johnson..... 16 - 20
 High Game: M. Sumner, 212; D. Wallace, 198; M. Moshier, 187.
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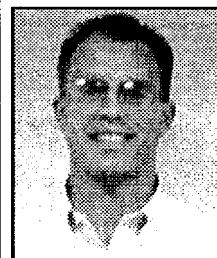
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 Glen's - Grant 20, C. Derenzy 19, White 11, Northrup 10.
 Game #2 Lange Vending 62 - Sawmill 56
 Lange's - Longendyke 20, Flowers 19.
 Sawmill - Maxom 17, Contreras 16, Kirk 11.
 Game #3 Thermogas 88 - Margretheville 73
 Thermogas - Williams 34, Patterson 23, Church Jr. 13, Church Sr. 12.
 Margretheville - Ruddy 20, Trenary 17, Cragg 17.
 Game #4 Spike's 59 - Charlie's Plumbing 57
 Spike's - Steele 18, Krey 17, Kolka 12.
 Charlie's - Ed Baynham 23, Anderson 12.

Final Regular Season Standings
 Sawmill..... 11 - 1
 Lange Vending..... 10 - 2



Thermogas..... 9 - 3
 Holiday Inn..... 6 - 6
 Spikes..... 5 - 7
 Margretheville..... 4 - 8
 Glen's Market..... 2 - 10
 Charlie's Plumbing..... 1 - 11

Tournaments:
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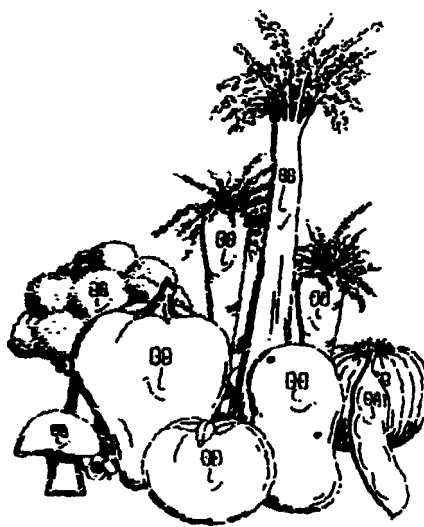
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 March 23, 9 am - 1 pm
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 March 23, 3 - 7 pm

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 March 2, 16, 3 - 5 pm
United Methodist Church - Houghton Lake
 March 9, 23, 3 - 5 pm

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Swamp	110	Vickie P. of Spikes.	
Sawmill I	97	6 Ball Runs: Sandy P. of Sawmill	
Plaza	104	II. Dee K. of Spikes.	

Won all 6 games: Barb M. and Patsey P. of Sawmill II.

Men's Standings	
Margretheville I	71 - 37
Margretheville II	53 - 55
Plaza	53 - 55
Frederic Inn.	55 - 53

Legion	54 - 54
Gray Rock	47 - 61
Saw Mill	45 - 63
8 Ball Run: Mike of	
Margretheville I.; 7 Ball Run: Al of	
Legion; Jason of Margretheville II.	
6 Ball Run: Jeff of Legion.	

GRA YOUTH WRESTLING

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) youth wrestling team competed at the Whittemore Prescott tournament on Saturday, February 19. Thirteen of Grayling's 17 wrestlers finished in the top three in their divisions, earning medals:

1st place: Tim VanNuck, Matthew O'Conner; 2nd: Daniel CdeBaca, Cody Malone, Zach Wolcott, Corey Metzger, Mykel Revord; 3rd: Cody (Josh) Partello, Jeff Harwood, Isaac VanNuck, Tyler Hanson, Daniel O'Conner, Chanauee Anderson.

The team will be competing in Midland on Saturday, February 26.

LEGAL ACTION

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with tax payers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2000 until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail.

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Monica Ashton, Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by WOODROW S. LAFFERTY and TINA M. LAFFERTY, husband and wife, whose address is 3095 Poplar Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated August 15, 1986 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on August 15, 1986 in Liber 248 of Crawford County Records on Pages 326 through 329, inclusive, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the

entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 46/100 (\$78,434.46) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan,

that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday March 29, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 9.5 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot #23, Block 5, Grayling Park Plat, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known at 3095 Poplar Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: February 14, 2000
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee:

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

-24-2-9-16

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Near and Victoria Near, Husband and Wife, of Roscommon, Michigan (Mortgagors) AAA Mortgage and Financial Corporation (Mortgagee) dated February 12, 1996, and recorded February 16, 1996, in Liber 407, Page 340, Crawford County Records, and was assigned by an assignment to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., dated February 20, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 28, 1997 in Liber 425, Page 615, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the

GMS WRESTLING

On Saturday, February 19, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team traveled to Whittemore. Placing for Grayling were: 1st place: Darryl Babbitt, Dusty Partello, Zak Wegner, Aaron Rosecrans, Brandon Pratt; 2nd: Joe Ferrigan, Zach Guardado; 3rd: Bill Stewart, Justin Robinson.

The team will travel to Midland on February 26. Wrestling will begin at about 10 a.m.

Fly fishing school to be held in summer

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mology (insects), fly tying, and wading.

The school will open with registration on Friday, June 9, and continue through early Sunday afternoon. All necessary equipment (except waders) is supplied by the school; not even a rod and reel is required for participation.

Lodging at Ranch Rudolph is available, and special discounts are given to spouses and children age 12-18 when attending with another adult. All meals from Friday lunch through Sunday lunch are included in the package, as well as two nights lodging.

The Fly Fishing School is completely non-commercial. An all-volunteer staff makes the school one of the least expensive, yet most highly regarded in the nation.

Additional information about the Fly Fishing School can be obtained by contacting Pat Merrill in writing at P.O. Box 117, Grayling, MI 49738, or by calling (517) 348-1782.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 2, 2000 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before May 15, 2000:

10,000 Cyd produced and stockpiled within the proximity of T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford County at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Tom Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman

-17-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Lewiston Grade Road
Over the E. Br. AuSable River
Contract #2, Furnishing of Materials
Crawford County, Michigan

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, until 10:00 a.m. local time, March 2, 2000. (Bid opening will be during the regular meeting) for furnishing bridge timber and hardware materials.

The project includes replacement of the existing bridge over the AuSable River. The contract consists of: furnishing all bridge timber and hardware necessary for the construction of the proposed bridge superstructure. All materials are required to be shipped to the project site.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Road Commission for Crawford County office and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

No bid may be withdrawn for 60 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Mr. Donald Babcock, Manager

-10-17-24

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Road Load Limit Ordinance Ordinance Number: 19

Purpose: This ordinance provides for the regulation of weight limits on truck and commercial vehicle traffic over certain township roads to restrict the running of such traffic from and to a gravel mining operation on 7 Mile Road to designated roads, streets and highways under the jurisdiction of Beaver Creek Township.

The Township of Beaver Creek Ordains:

Section 01: Enabling Legislation: This ordinance is established under the power granted by the Michigan Vehicle Code, being Act 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, being MCL §257.726 and MSA 9.2426.

Section 02: Short Title: This ordinance shall be known as the Beaver Creek Township Road Load Limit Ordinance.

Section 03: Roadways Subject to Weight Limitation: The following roads, streets and highways are closed to truck and/or other commercial vehicle traffic of a three (3) ton or greater weight.

- 03: (a): 7 Mile Road from South Grayling Road to Old 27 Highway.
- 03: (b): Johnson Road from 7 Mile Road to Federal Highway.
- 03: (c): Staley Lake Road from Seven Mile Road to Pere Cheney Road.

Section 04: Exceptions: Exceptions to the weight limitation provisions on those above-designated roads, streets and highways are declared to be applicable for the following truck and/or other commercial traffic:

- 04: (a): Those vehicles operating out of and/or from businesses located on those roads.
- 04: (b): Those vehicles making deliveries to delivery points located on those roads.
- 04: (c): Utility company vehicles.
- 04: (d): Municipal Emergency Vehicles.
- 04: (e): Municipal Road Maintenance Vehicles.
- 04: (f): State or Federal Military Vehicles.
- 04: (g): Those vehicles lawfully kept, parked or stored on property adjacent to such roads not otherwise having ingress and egress on and over non-restricted roads.

Section 05: Truck Route Established: In furtherance of the intention of this ordinance, a so-called "truck route" is created specifically on and over 7 Mile Road from Staley Lake Road to South Grayling Road to permit lawful access to and from the gravel mining operation on 7 Mile Road. Any truck and other commercial vehicle traffic on that route shall not be subject to the weight limitations set out elsewhere in this ordinance.

Section 06: Enforcement: This ordinance shall not be enforced until and unless all appropriate signs shall be placed along the designated roads, streets and highways consistent with the requirements of Section 608 of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Section 07: Violation: Any person, firm or corporation that is the owner and/or operator of any truck and/or other commercial vehicle that is in violation of any of the established load limits and/or truck route designation shall be responsible for a civil infraction.

Section 08: Effective Date: This ordinance shall have immediate effect.

This ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board of Beaver Creek Township held on February 14, 2000.

Ayes: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak, Summers & Hartman.
Nays: 0

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

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DOG LICENSE NOTICE

Attention Dog Owners
Beginning March 15, 2000
The fees for male or female dogs
will change from \$10.00 to \$20.00
Fees for spayed or neutered dogs
will change from \$6.00 to \$12.00

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office.

-10-17-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Lewiston Grade Road
Over the E. Br. AuSable River
Contract #1, Demolition and Substructure Construction
Crawford County, Michigan

The Road Commission for Crawford County will accept sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 50 Huron, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, until 10:00 a.m. local time, March 2, 2000. (Bid opening at the regular meeting) for bridge demolition and site and foundation construction services.

The project includes replacement of the existing bridge over the AuSable River. The contract consists of: removal of the existing bridge; foundation and channel excavation; furnishing and driving treated timber piles; furnishing and construction of substructure; foundation underdrains and structure backfill; riprap; traffic control and other miscellaneous items.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Road Commission for Crawford County office and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$35.00 per set.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent (5.0%) bid security must accompany each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission for Crawford County
Mr. Donald Babcock, Manager

-10-17-24

sum of \$44,770.44 including interest at the rate of 12.250% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the undersigned will:

at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of same; thence Easterly on the 1/8-line, 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly 330.00 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, 330.00 feet; thence

Westerly, 330.00 feet; thence Northerly, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a non-exclusive 33.00 foot wide access easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 500.00 feet of the Northerly 33.00 feet and over the Westerly 33.00 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West. Tax ID #062-027-003-020-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.324(1a), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 19, 2000
Mortgagee
Beneficial Michigan, Inc.
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)
Attorney for Mortgagee
500 N. Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-2964
(248) 540-7500

-27-3-10-17-24

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 31st day of January 2000 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Brown, Banda, Hayes, Palmer, Wyman.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Terry McGregor, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Carolyn DiPonio, Skylynn Palmer, Alan Somero, Bob Butzin, Dennis Long, Caleb Casey, Kathy Bourrie, Dennis Sloan.

00-13 Moved by Banda, supported by Wyman that the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2000 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Mayor Palmer felt that the minutes should be signed by the City Clerk, Council agreed. Public Hearing, None.

Communications were received and noted. a. December 1999 Revenue/Expenditure Report.

b. Housing Commission Minutes of December 14, 1999.

c. HUD letter to Guy Quigley.

d. Letter of thanks to Crawford AuSable Schools. Would like to thank Kent Reynolds and Paul Lerg for their help in securing a place for Council Meetings and also for arranging for a place to hold our elections.

e. Moving Council Meeting to the Middle School. Until further notice the City Council Meetings will be held in the Middle School and will be posted as such.

Old Business.

a. Audit Report. Two auditors from Hill & Schroderus were present to answer questions from Council regarding the Audit and to go over revenues and expenditures of the City. The City is sound financially but there is a need to look at raising water rates. Council thanked them for attending this meeting.

b. Downtown Sidewalk Shoveling. A discussion was held with Council and the audience regarding the problems of sidewalk shoveling.

00-14

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes to pay \$1,000.00 for sidewalk snow removal to contractor. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

New Business.

a. Credit cards for City. After much discussion it was decided to take action at the next meeting.

b. Pizza Hut application for liquor license.

00-15

Moved by Hayes, supported by Brown to approve the liquor license application for Pizza Hut. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. RFP City Engineers. Letters were sent to four engineering firms for engineering needs for the City.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Kathy Bourrie spoke to Council about her concerns regarding the snow pile by the railroad tracks and the antique shop corner needs to be removed as you can't see cars coming from the Court House. This will be taken care of by the DPW.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Bill has been signed for "No Residency" in Lansing. City Council would like a draft proposal of 20 miles for limits of residency. Could not use as part of collective bargaining living in the city limits. The City Manager will bring a proposal back to Council for the next meeting.

b. Mr. Lowe spoke to Council regarding City Zoning. The need to rewrite some of the zoning ordinances. R.F.P. letters out. Suggest county doing the Industrial and Commercial zoning. No fee for residential zoning. Have talked to the M.M.L. and the Zoning Administrator in Gaylord. Suggest having the County take over the Zoning along with the permits, electrical, etc that they now do. Council discussed this and would like the Zoning to stay at the City but would like to

have more information.

d. Computers to be networked and on-line. Will get some proposals on cost and what needs to be done and bring back to Council.

e. We have hired Michele Moshier to be the office staff and she will be able to start in two weeks.

f. All state surplus equipment will be taken back of Lansing. One of the counters was built by Gene Rauch, we will call and see if he want it, there is someone who would take it if Mr. Rauch doesn't want it.

g. I.D.C. meeting was very informative. Land between Industrial Park and 4 Mile Road. Maybe would be developed in the spring. If the city could annex this property we would have a great chance for improving the tax base for Grayling.

h. Discussed with Council the invoices. The City Manager should take care of the day to day bills. Any bids would be brought to Council.

i. Discussion with Council on the status of City Hall and the Fire Department. Marilyn Palmer and Dave Wyman volunteered to meet with the City Manager to look for locations for a permanent City Hall and what to do about the Fire Department. Council gave suggestions and will be kept informed of progress.

j. The City Manager asked Council for their suggestions on duty officers attending meetings. He suggested that each Council member talk to Chief Schreiner and get input on this matter.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Banda asked if the police department intended to fill the vacancy that came when Karl Schreiner became Chief. The Police Chief has stated that he would like to fill the position but also would like a new police car. The City Manager will talk to Karl and have him attend the next meeting.

b. Ms. Palmer talked about the meeting February 4th at the County Road Commission, 10 AM reference the I-75 Interchange.

c. Ms. Palmer asked about a web-page proposal and networking. We have one proposal at a price of \$1,100.00 which would link 4 computers in the office. Will get more information for Council.

d. Ms. Palmer reported to Council that she had a plaque made from the City for Gary McConnell as he is retiring and has contributed much to the community over the years. Council agreed.

e. M.M.L. Seminar Ms. Palmer attended. It was a very informative seminar and she would like to see contracts for the supervisors and City Manager with entire job descriptions for all employees. She talked with other municipalities they gave suggestions as to annual evaluations, encouraging department heads to keep up education and to attend seminars.

f. Ms. Palmer did not approve of the article in the *Avalanche* regarding the sliding down the hill on the corner of Park and Ottawa. Ticketing of children and using Ordinance #4 to enforce.

g. Ms. Palmer was not happy that the Police Chief got a letter regarding the fuel going to Canada and he replied before the Council even knew about it.

h. Ms. Palmer has a Thank You letter for Terry McGregor for Council to sign for all of the extra work and patience she had during her time as Acting City Manager.

Adjournment.

00-16

Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SCOTT A. & MICHELLE G. HUBER, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING

THOUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated March 19, 1991, and recorded on March 19, 1991, in Liber 323, on page 31, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty nine thousand seven hundred seventy one and 29/100 Dollars (\$59,779.29), including interest at 8.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI. at 10:00 AM on March 29, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 22, Red Wing Terrace, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

Building and Use Restrictions as contained in instrument recorded in Liber 153, Pages 601, 602 and 603, Crawford County Records.

A 15 foot utility easement along the front and the back sides of subject Lot 22, as shown on the recorded Plat and reserved in the Dedication thereof, and as reserved in instrument recorded in Liber 153, Page 601, Crawford County Records.

This being the same property described in mortgage USDA, FMHA by Justin E. & Jodi L. Potter, his wife, dated July 3, 1979, and recorded July 3, 1979 in Liber 179, Pages 79-82, Crawford County Records, said mortgage being called out by the execution and recording of this document.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 24, 2000

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-24-2-9-16

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa M. Hoag, a

single woman, Mortgagee to Associates Housing Finance, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1999 and recorded on March 16, 1999 in Liber 477 on page 39, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to N/A by an assignment dated N/A and recorded on N/A in Liber N/A on page N/A County Records, Michigan, N/A on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Eighty-Seven and 14/100 Dollars (\$79,087.14) including interest at 9.50 % per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on March 22, 2000.

Said premises are situated in Roscommon, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel C; That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence S00°17'37"E, along the East line of said Section and centerline of Leline Road, 632.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S00°17'37"E, along said Section line and said centerline, 347.30 feet; thence N89°17'45"W, 1328.15 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence N00°20'25"W, along said 1/8 line, 221.14 feet to the centerline of Hickey Creek Road; thence N84°32'05"E, along said centerline, 141.05 feet; thence N55°33'57"E along said centerline, 192.83 feet; thence S89°17'45"E, 1028.21 feet to the point of beginning, and all improvements thereon, including a 1999 Dutch-Duchess Limited 28 x 64 Manufactured Housing Unit, Vehicle Identification No. 22752E.

Tax Number: 20-062-027-001-020

Property Address: 10192 Leline Road.

Roscommon, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 28, 2000

Associates Housing Finance, LLC

P.O. Box 32965

Knoxville, TN 37930-2965 - Mortgagee

Richard A. Green - Attorney

30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 444

Bingham Farms, Michigan, 48025

(248) 540-7665

-10-17-24-2-9

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 7, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2000 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 13, 2000 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 15, 2000 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agricultural	45.66	1.0950
Commercial	48.45	1.0319
Industrial	49.99	1.0000
Residential	46.69	1.0708

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

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NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

** Residents and Non-Residents may protest in Writing **

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

To hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 13, 2000;

9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 2000, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. &

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72 (2A)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten (10) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Laura Smith, Clerk
P.O. Box 806
5245 N. M-18
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-8232

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LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW / BUDGET HEARING/ZONING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will meet with taxpayers from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 13, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 2000-2001 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall on Monday, April 3, 2000.

There are two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term starting April 1, 2000. Those interested please contact the Lovells Township Supervisor at 348-9215.

Frederick Schabily
Lovells Township Supervisor

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You have the power to change the world around you... Take this opportunity to support your local United Way!

Send Your Contribution To:
United Way of Crawford County
P.O. Box 171
Grayling, MI 49738

LIBRARY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Crawford County Library Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 7 p.m. to hear public comments on the draft conceptual drawing of the new library. The Public Hearing will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright, Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on March 7, 2000 at 9 AM.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on the following dates:

Monday March 13, 2000 9 am - noon 1pm - 4pm
Thursday March 16, 2000 1pm - 4pm 6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear taxpayers who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

Classification	Factor	Ratio
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kriss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING

The City Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting on March 7, 2000 at the new location on M-72 West at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will meet with taxpayers to review assessments and taxable values in the Crawford County Building at the West end of Michigan Avenue on the following dates:

Monday, March 13, 2000 9 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, 2000 9 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property within the City of Grayling:

Class	Factor	Multiplier
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000
Utilities	50.00	1.00000

Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor
City of Grayling

-24-2-9-16

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 30, 2000 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

Roadway Surfacing
Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (non-recycled)
Bituminous Surface Mixture No. 13A (35% maximum recycled)

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an approved mix design, which must be submitted to the Road Commission for Crawford County prior to start of work. Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all recycled asphalt pavement for the entire bid quantity.

Completion date: All paving shall be completed by September 1st, 2000, except Military Road which shall be completed by May 1st, 2000.

Road Commission for Crawford County will provide flagmen and traffic control devices during construction. All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Material test slips and weight tickets shall be provided. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Contractor shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing production. Certificate shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commissioners **AND** the Road Commission for Crawford County named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) General liability - \$500,000 each occurrence, 3) Automotive liability - \$500,000 each occurrence, and 4) Worker's compensation - statutory limits.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete projects and quantities which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Road Commission for Crawford County.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Paving Bid". The Road Commission for Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Roscommon County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 27-March 4

Aries March 21-April 20

Don't get involved in the stories and gossip going around work. Things are not always as they appear. You've been there before. Check into a potential investment carefully. It's not something to take at face value. Check with an expert.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Look for a friend to need your shoulder this week. Don't become too involved, or he/she might end up getting a little too demanding. Listen to the advice of an authority figure at work. It may save you problems in the long run.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Your budget worries may be close to being over. Start thinking down a different track. Come up with a new approach. A faithful friend or close family member needs your unwavering support. Be there and don't ask questions.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You probably should not look for a romantic week with your partner feeling neglected. Maybe it's a good time to plan something special just for the two of you. How about a nice weekend getaway? Don't forget a promise you made.

Leo July 23-August 23

Creativity is at a peak this week. Take advantage of the opportunity to start on something new and exciting. Letting your work problems take precedence over your family and/or partner in the coming weeks is not a good idea.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Stay levelheaded for any business or financial transactions. Be the anchor for your partner. You may have to settle on a different destination for your much needed weekend getaway. Something new and different may be the answer.

Libra

September 23-October 23

Communication is in very short supply. The worst part is that no one around you seems to be worried about that. Be patient. By the end of the week, you should have a little more control over a touchy situation on the homefront.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Be open-minded when dealing with a young relative. That may mean you have to bite your tongue for now. A new sport will get you out to meet new people. Meeting new people will help give you a better outlook on life.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 31

Someone close to you will let you down, but don't feel crushed. You have done your best, and now it's time to move on. A Virgo's advice may seem sound to you, but this is not the time to listen to it. Listen to yourself and only yourself.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

A weekend family get-together could go a long way toward changing your mood. Make sure the whole family gets involved. It's time you faced changes head-on. Don't keep straddling the fence. It will end up causing problems.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

Your energy levels are returning to normal. You'll soon be feeling better emotionally. Crass words may hurt you and a special friend. Shrug them off. Have you been neglecting your finances? It's time to get them in order.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Be careful who you open up to at work this week. A certain person is more interested in your job than in your ideas or problems. Don't make weekend plans until you check the family schedule. You don't want to miss a special occasion.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Cheesy BLT Pizza

Makes 12 servings

Prep/Cook time: 20 minutes

1 10 oz. thin pre-baked pizza shell

4 oz. (1/2 pkg.) cream cheese, softened

3/4 tsp. Italian seasoning

1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper

2 cups shredded leaf lettuce

1 cup (4 oz.) finely shredded cheese

3/4 cup chopped fresh tomato

7 slices bacon, cooked until crisp, chopped

olives, sliced (optional)

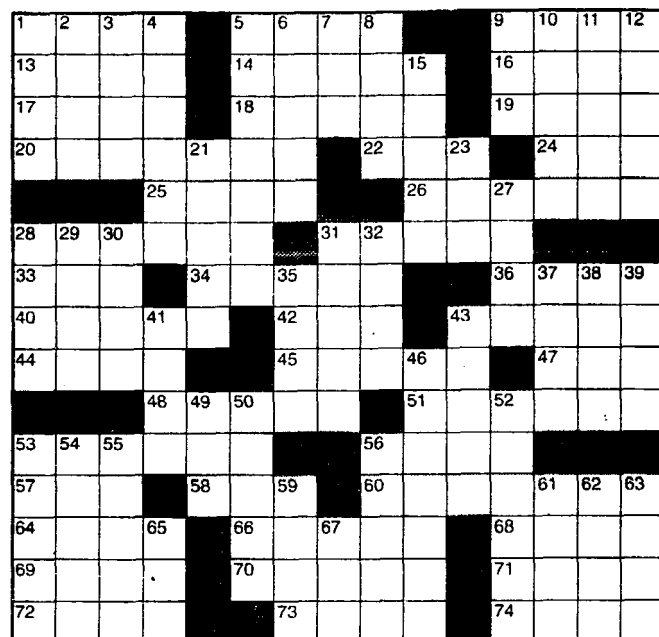
Preheat oven to 400°F. Place pizza shell on baking sheet.

Heat in oven 5 minutes or until slightly crisp. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Combine cream cheese, Italian seasoning and pepper. Spread on pizza shell to within 1/2-inch of edge. Sprinkle with lettuce, cheese, tomato and bacon. Top with sliced olives if desired. Cut and serve.



HOME NEEDED - Bassett mix puppies, 2 females that are 12 weeks old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Letterman's competitor
- Oppositionist
- Unhearing
- Equal
- "I got the horse right here" types
- Bear, to Brutus
- Ladylike gatherings
- Charge in a suit against a tabloid
- Remove from office
- Claims
- Raincoat, for short
- Socks, to Chelsea
- Garçon's aid
- A penny
- Spring flowers
- Pyromania
- Rep.'s opponent
- Musician's practice piece
- Contended
- Steak sandwich topper
- Fingers count
- Recurrent interval
- Part of SLR
- Sacrificial site
- Freud's article
- Slim and agile
- Lavin and Blair
- Mantilla wearer

- Street performer
- One of Frank's exes
- Tool set
- Eternal
- Perfume
- Rabbit fur
- Red gin
- Sabe
- Milquetoast's lack
- The Grapes of Wrath locale: abbr.
- Actor Stoltz
- Zipped
- Not once, poetically

DOWN

- "Woman in Your Life" (2 wds.)
- Stuntman Knievel
- Newman's Hud foil
- Beginnings
- Minimally
- Like a schoolyard at recess
- Craft for a storybook trio
- Filler
- Twosome
- Blow, à la Etna
- Ledger entry
- Like some meat
- Places haphazardly
- Soul singer Al
- Magnon
- A deadly sin
- Matinee
- M. Magritte
- Poker player's declaration
- Fred's Lady Be Good costar
- \$200, on Boardwalk
- Idaho's neighbor
- Bumped-off, street-style
- East of Eden director Kazan
- TV rooms
- Christiania, today
- Gum chewing, in Singapore
- Trued up
- Vex
- Waggers
- Victor at Trafalgar
- "Gets in Your Eyes"
- Downy duck
- Model Campbell
- Augusta's locale
- Emulates Bill Robinson
- Actress Sommer
- Only
- Cook quickly
- Legendary avian
- Great Expectations hero

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 24, 1977

Grant Byce, Bill Kellogg and Burt Partello qualified for the State Wrestling tournament on Saturday.

The Sixth District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati has once again delayed their decision on the local labor dispute between Bear Archery Co. and striking United Auto Workers' (UAW) local 1903. The decision which will be handed down in April could force the company to the bargaining table to possibly end the strike.

A Roscommon man has been hospitalized with gunshot wounds following a shooting incident in South Branch Township. Olaf Pollen, 60, is in good condition at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Circumstances surrounding the incident indicate a break and entry at Larry's Salvage may be linked to the shooting according to a police report on the incident.

The father and son team of Ralph Stevens of Grayling and his sons Jim and Jack won the State of Michigan F.I.T.A. Club Team Championships this past weekend in Archery at the Detroit Archery Club. This is the second consecutive year that the Grayling Team has won.

Major construction on the new Grayling water tower is scheduled for completion by this Friday. There are many things yet to be done before the new tower will be operational. The tower will be painted sun yellow with Grayling painted in chestnut brown on the side.

The Grayling Citizens Advisory Committee on Education is having a hard time finding frills to trim from the local school system to lower costs. In a stormy meeting Monday night, the budget committee of the group reported that the fat has already been trimmed away and to begin to cut deeper would start to hurt the quality of local education.

46 Years Ago February 25, 1954

The Grayling High Vikings will take the floor at home on Tuesday against Gaylord and Friday night against Mio seeking to finish the first undefeated basketball season in the past twenty years. The Vikings are the third rated Class C team in the state of Michigan.

George N. Olson died at his winter home in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Olson was born in Grayling to Marie and Nels Peter Olson on November 15, 1892. He founded the Rialto Theater in Grayling and with his brother co-owned a string of theaters throughout northern Michigan.

Clare D. Burns received a Master of Business Administration degree and Jack W. Richardson received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan.

17-year-old Phyllis Goss, Miss Grayling of 1954 and selected Michigan Snow Queen of 1954 at the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival got the thrill of her young life last week when she appeared on the Barbara Ann Scott Ice Revue at Olympia Stadium in Detroit.

69 Years Ago February 26, 1931

This February has been a mild, pleasant month. Snow is almost gone and pavements are bare.

Several young ladies from the various business places about town had planned a sleighride party, but owing to the scarcity of snow, a large truck was the conveyance. Dressed in sport togs they were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Leslie in Beaver Creek, where a chicken prepared by the latter was the bill of fare.

Marius Hanson, employed at Mac & Gidley's and Ronnow Hanson, clerk at O. Sorenson & Sons' are both detained at home by illness. Ernest Borchers and Otto Failing

are both driving new Chevrolet coaches.

92 Years Ago February 27, 1908

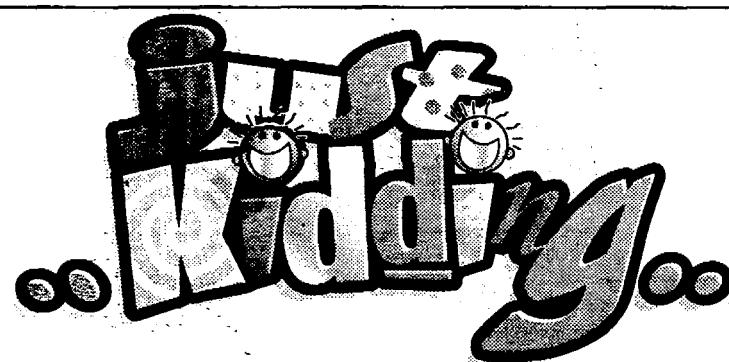
Following is the output of the Michelson & Hanson Lumber Co., at Lewiston for the past year: 1,520,857 feet of pine, 9,321,233 feet of hemlock, and 9,505,198 feet of hardwood lumber; also 4,535,800 feet of lath and 5,239,000 shingles. The company is getting in a stock of about 15,000,000 feet of logs for the current year.

Monday morning 20 degrees below zero. Tuesday morning 38 above and a drizzling rain. There is change for you, good for LaGrippe tonsillitis. Guaranteed to continue the little epidemic we have been having.

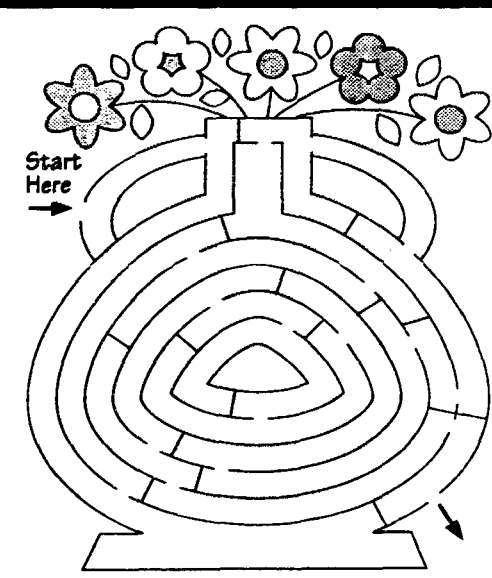
Last Friday morning about 20 ladies went for a sleighride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mortenson in Beaver Creek arriving about 10:30. There was a fine dinner and an afternoon of games.

The trustees of the estate of the late David Ward propose to put upon the market, 70,000 acres of timber land in Crawford, Otsego, Kalkaska and Antrim counties for the purpose of closing up the affairs of the estate. It is estimated that there is some 800,000,000 feet of standing timber on this land. Four camps are being operated in the vicinity of Deward where the big mill owned by the estate is located where 10,000,000 feet of pine and the same quantity of hardwood are being cut. Two parcels of land on which lumbering operations are in progress are reserved by the estate.

Time is passing and so are the first settlers in this country. Talking of the early days with Judge Batteredman and James Duryce, who located here in 1878, we could only recall an even dozen who were here at the that time and three of these were but kids.



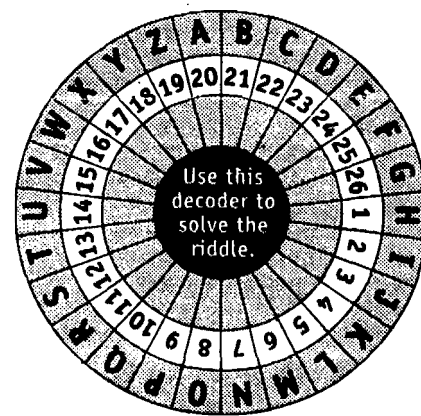
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SECRET CODE

What did the dentist call his x-rays?

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
2/15	29	22	2.5"	17.5"
2/16	23	-11		17"
2/17	24	-11	Trace	17"
2/18	27	5		16"
2/19	27	11		16"
2/20	29	3	Trace	16"
2/21	48	8		15"
Season Total			58"	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather: Wednesday - refreshingly cool and partly cloudy with a high near 50. Thursday - overcast with heavy rain, a low near 40 and a high in the low 50's. Friday - overcast with rain showers, a low of 35 - 40 and a high in the low 50's. Saturday - overcast with rain, a low near 35 and a high in the upper 40's.

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1. Real Estate

ONE ACRE WOODED on black-top Manistee River Rd. 1-231-258-7820 (-10-17-24/1)

1993 DOUBLE WIDE 24 X 40 two bed/two bath, many extras. \$24,000, must be moved. 313-561-1707 or 517-422-5857 (-24/2/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Beautiful lot in Manistee River Woods Subdivision with private Manistee River access. \$4,750 Call 517-348-4452. (Please leave message if you reach machine). (-17-24-2/1)

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AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Building sites starting at \$7,000. Spec log home with loft. Well, septic, electric service. \$49,000 Near river and state land. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99tf/1)

TWO-THREE BEDROOM 1,500 square foot, family room-one car garage. \$57,000 By appointment. 517-348-7355 (12/9/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER Front lot, main middle branch. Call 740-797-2801. (LR3/23/00/1)

THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH 1250 sq. ft. home built in 1999. Two car attached, two plus acres. 517-348-4840 (-3-10-17-24/2/1)

2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH Mobile Home. Private land, M-72 by Burtons Landing. \$350 plus utilities. 517-348-6674 (-17-24/2)

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$18,900 for two person household. Rent based on 30% of gross monthly income. Barrier free unit available. Call Sande 517-366-4475 or Mary Ann 888-576-6468 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. (9/16/99tf/2)

FURNISHED non-smoking two bedroom house with 1 1/2 car attached garage. Ideal for single person. On paved road 11 miles south of Grayling, close to Higgins Lake. No pets. Personal and employment references required. \$375 month plus security. 734-459-6641 (-24-2-9/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM RENTAL available near Lake Margrethe. \$425 month plus \$425 security deposit. Call 517-348-5838. (2/3/00tf/2)

NEW TWO BEDROOM RENTAL with range, refrigerator, garage and utilities. First months rent plus deposit, no animals. 517-348-4650 (-24-2-9/2)

UPPER UNIT ONE BEDROOM \$345 per month plus heat. 517-348-4006 9-5:30 (-10-17-24/2)

SHARP TWO BEDROOM, two bath home on Portage Creek. Garage/car port. Ideal for working couple. Sorry no children or pets. Lease. \$550 per month with options \$550 deposit. Call 517-348-5433 evenings 517-348-8336 (1/13/00tf/2)

SMALL EFFICIENCY UNIT for single working person. Furnished includes utilities, cable. \$285/month, deposit \$150. Call 517-348-5433/517-348-8336 evenings. (2/24/00tf/2)

FURNISHED APARTMENTS Weekly special \$149 per week includes microwave refrigerator, kitchenettes, free breakfast, HBO, Cinemax. Call AuSable Motel 517-348-8900. (-24/2)

2. For Rent

CABIN FOR RENT Sleeps four, call 517-348-8350. (10/14/99tf/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO bedroom duplex. Storage, new carpet, laundry hookup, nice neighbors. 8114 Insley Ave \$385 plus deposit, rental and employment reference. Phone 517-348-2178. (2/10/00tf/2)

ROOMS FOR RENT Why rent a room in someone's house? Get a cabin of your own. See ad "Cozy Cabins" then call Leo at 877-227-6976. (-24-2/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom apartment, second story, city limits, single, non-smoking, employed adult only, no pets. 517-348-6071 (1/6/00tf/2)

2. For Rent

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OUR GOAL
\$60,000
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220' FRONTAGE on the "AuSable River Holy Waters". Manufactured 3 bedroom home sitting on 10 acres. Beautiful inside and out! Very rare find. Priced to sell. \$149,500 MLS# 339



THIS 2 BEDROOM CABIN has a bath, storage shed with garage door, and is located near Higgins Lake. Perfect location for snowmobilers or up-north getaway. \$29,900 MLS# 104



BUILT-UP MOBILE HOME ON 10 ACRES - Great location for this 2 bedroom mobile home. Year around use for snowmobiling, hunting and fishing and Kneff Lake just minutes from property. \$49,900 MLS# 9-3524



OWNER WILL ACCEPT LAND CONTRACT TERMS ON THIS cabin in Warbler's hideaway. Two bedroom, one bath cabin has been freshly painted on the exterior, new carpeting & blinds and a woodstove. \$43,900 MLS# 9-3867



PRICE REDUCED ON THIS QUANT BUILT-UP MOBILE HOME with double insulated gable roof, vaulted ceilings, newer Berber carpeting, washer & dryer, satellite dish, garage, 2 car garage and appliances. Situated on a double lot of hardwoods. \$37,900 MLS# 9-0435



ADORABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME offers parquet floor in kitchen and ceramic tile floor in bath, large garage, 11.6 acres. All this located very near Lake Margrethe, trails, on a county maintained paved road. "Title in Ownership" & Home Buyer's Warranty. \$79,900 MLS# 9-3438



COUNTRY HOME ON 40 ACRES. Very hard to find 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with an attached 3 car garage, split rail fence, fireplace & woodstove, stove and refrigerator. \$90,000 MLS# 9-3986



UP NORTH GET AWAY. Great location with snowmobile trails just a short distance from this 2 bedroom, 1 bath cabin. Recently remodeled with new well, septic, siding and slings. Manistee River within walking distance. \$39,500 MLS# 9-3630



ENCHANTED SETTING is offered with this 3 bedroom home nestled in a quiet neighborhood close to Higgins Lake. Very well cared for home with screened in porch, 2 car garage, hot tub, master suite, gas fireplace and much more. \$99,900 MLS# 9-2182

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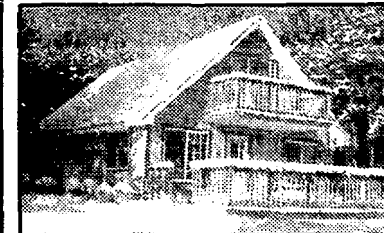
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165' FRONTAGE/1.8 ACRES ON AUSABLE RIVER. Complete seclusion in this natural setting only 50' off river bank. 1,800 sq. ft. home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, cedar sun porch, garage with 10'x32' game room, gas fireplace, master bath jacuzzi, Artesian well in garden pond, modern white kitchen, skylite, open staircase, cedar deck and walk ways. \$169,900 CH-1105



NICE HOME IN THE CITY! New vinyl siding & roof. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,300 sq. ft. with natural gas heat, new gas log fireplace in family room. Formal dining room, fresh paint throughout. Partial basement, 1 1/2 car attached garage. Fenced in yard, walkout patio door onto large deck with bench seating. Immediate occupancy. Close to hospital, schools and shopping. Reduced \$66,500 CS-837



BEAUTIFUL SECLUDED 1.6 ACRES only 1/2 mile from Grayling. Spacious 3 bedroom chalet. 1,152 sq. ft., two newer decks, 2 balcony bedrooms, 28'x32' garage, 12'x18' hobby shop, storage building, new appliances, window treatment, abundance of natural life and very private. \$109,500 CH-1100



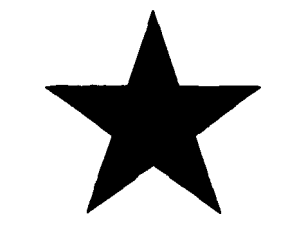
BEAUTIFUL NEW MODERN HOME IN THE CITY! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1120 sq. ft., cedar cathedral ceilings in living room, dining and kitchen area. Kitchen has oak cabinets, island bar and sink. Oak floors throughout, oak trim and solid oak doors, custom fitted venetian blinds, paved drive and walkways. Front door has side light window, slate at entry doors, pretreated wood porches and cement decks. Maintenance free vinyl siding and large carefree insulated windows. Many more features. \$125,000 CS-963



Above the Crowd!

*Based on publicly available information and on an audit by Author Andersen of 1997 RE/MAX residential real estate transaction sides in North America only.

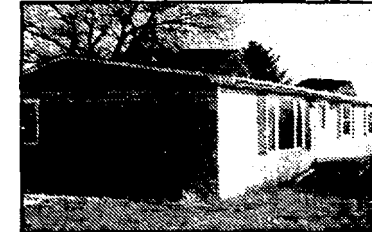
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GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Ideal starter home, or rental income property conveniently located in the city limits of Grayling!! 1,175 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 1 bath, family room, large living room, partial basement and a detached garage. Immediate occupancy. No appointment necessary. Reduced \$42,900 CH-1076



A GREAT CENTRAL CITY LOCATION AND JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE AUSABLE RIVER! This 3 bedroom ranch offers convenience and comfort in one. With 1,008 total square feet your family needs are met. Offers 2 solar panels for efficiency heat. Appliances include stove and refrigerator. Cable TV, city water & city sewer. Conveniently located to parks, shopping, schools and hospital, this home may be perfect for you! \$48,000 CS-1081



CONVENIENT LOCATION NEAR GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL AND I-75 BUSINESS LOOP. Recent renovations include new deck, vinyl siding, roof, doors, insulation, hot water heater. Bow window in living room. Spacious corner lot with circle drive. 16x22 garage, 8x10 storage building. Home and grounds neatly maintained and in very good condition. Third bedroom wall could be re-installed!! \$59,900 CH-1068

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2. For Rent

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NEED RUBBER STAMPS? Call 348-6811.

2. For Rent

DOWNTOWN GRAYLING two bedroom upper level apartment, private balcony, intercom from apartment to locked security door. Coin operated washer and dryer for tenant use. Must see to appreciate. \$400 per month plus utilities. References required, first and last months rent required to move in. Call 517-348-7143. (-24-2/2)

2. For Rent

COZY CABINS in wooded setting at Lost Acres. Year round living at affordable prices with showers and toilets. Cabin Five has new paint, carpeting, one large room plus a separate kitchen/dining area and is \$375 per month. Cabin Two is larger and features a bedroom, living room and kitchen/dining and is \$460 per month. All rents include appliances, heat and electric. Security deposit is \$150. No pets allowed. Located at Lost Acres two miles south of Waters at 1010 N. Old U.S. 27. Call Leo toll free at 877-227-6976 weekdays or weekends at 231-499-5815. (-24-2/2)

2. For Rent

FOR SINGLE APARTMENT \$400 includes utilities, garbage pick-up, snow removal, cable ready. Section 8 Village Commons. 517-348-8458 Frederic (-17-24/2)

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3. Employment

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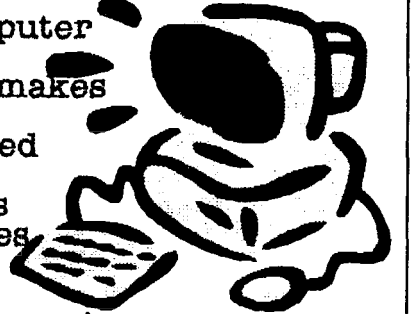
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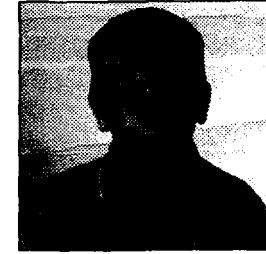
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Residents of the district are encouraged to participate in the process by attending an open forum conducted by MASB consultant, Carl C. Hartman, Ph.D., on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the C.O.O.R. Administrative Office building - 11051 N. Cut Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Dr. Hartman will provide an overview of the search process and receive input from community members regarding the criteria to be used in evaluating candidates.

If you are unable to attend, a letter or card listing ideas and viewpoints about characteristics and competencies of a superintendent may be sent either to

Carl C. Hartman, Ph.D.
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1001 Centennial Way, Suite 400
Lansing, MI 48917-9279 or to -

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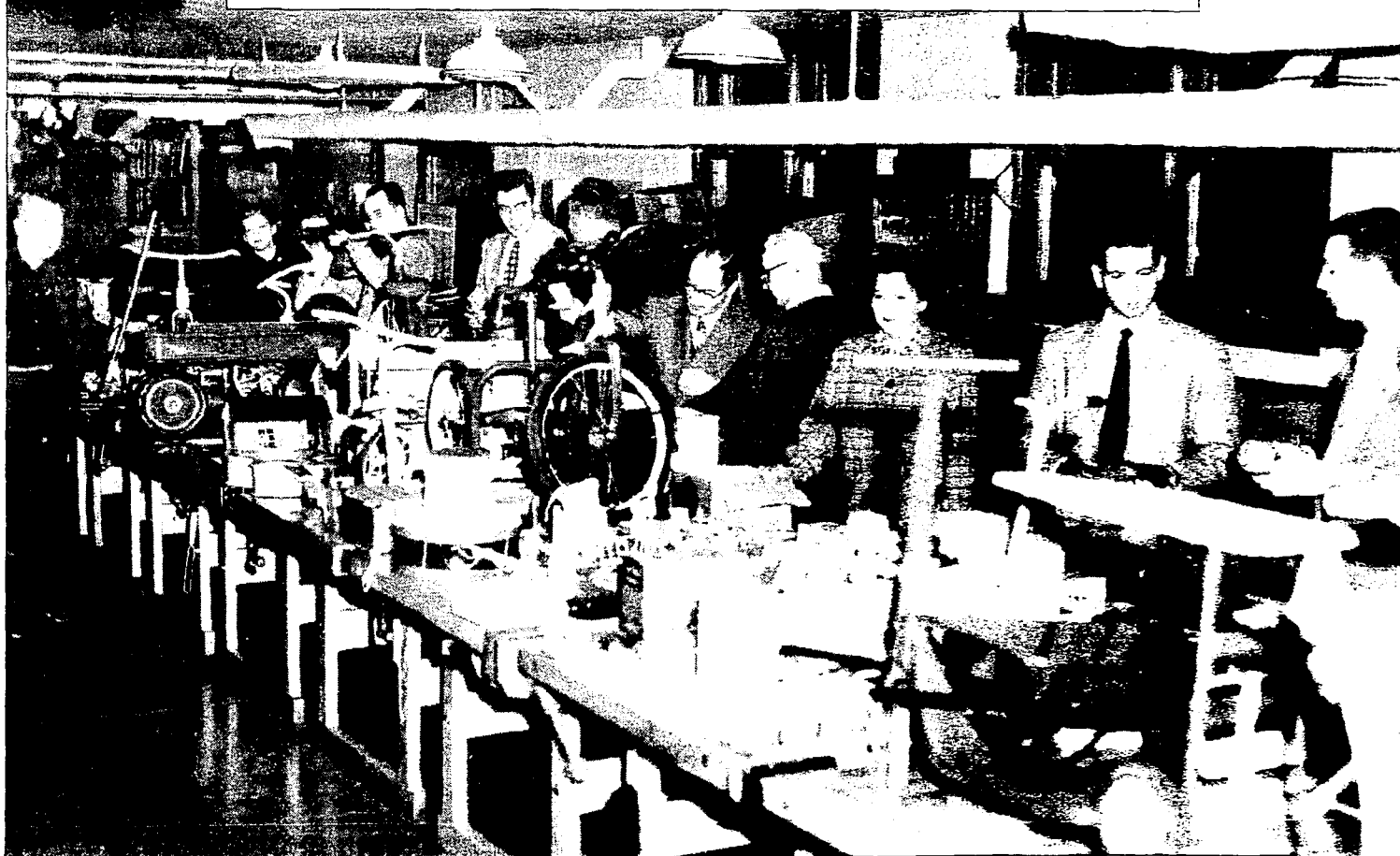
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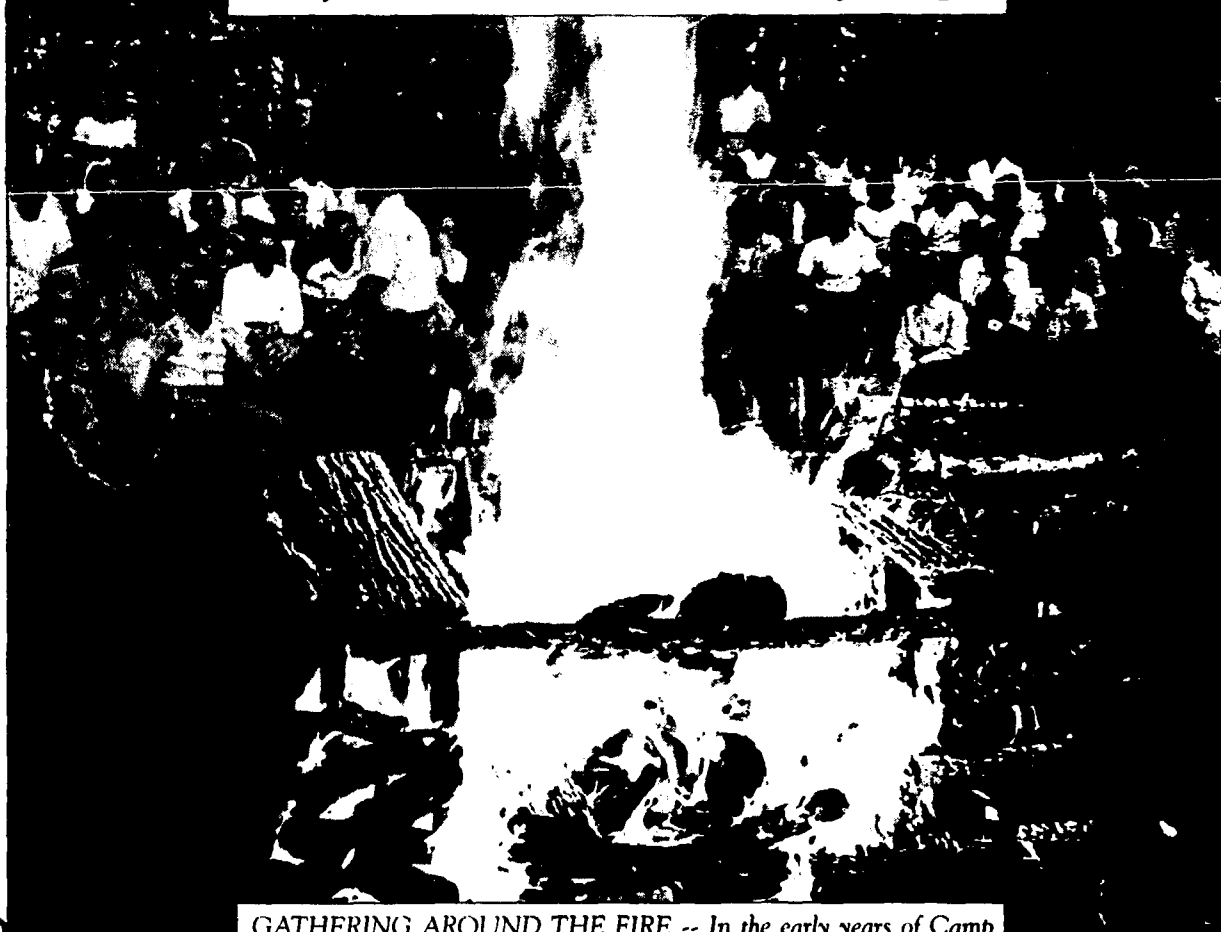
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IN THE EARLY DAYS OF KIWANIS -- In the basement of Grayling High School, toys were repaired in the "shop" classroom by Industrial Arts classes, a program run by Industrial Arts teachers and Kiwanis members Joseph Stripe and Wesley Kumpula. Left to right are: Earl Burns, Mrs. Knudsen, Dena Hunter, Arthur Clough, Frank Bond, Henning Knudsen, Joseph Stripe, Wesley Kumpula, Beatrice Cornell, Dr. Ralph Hoffman, and Robert Bovee.

Camp AuSable: A place where God is first, last, and best in everything



GATHERING AROUND THE FIRE -- In the early years of Camp AuSable's existence, camp visitors gather around a nightly bonfire.

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Camp AuSable:

A place where God is first,
last, and best in everything

BY HAROLD W. JEWKES
AND FRED BEAVON
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The Camp AuSable story began in 1947. Two men, George Hutches and John C. Miklos, President and Youth Director (formerly Missionary Volunteer Secretary) respectively, of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists saw in 840 acres of land, 120 acres of water, trees, shrubs, ferns and grasses, Camp AuSable for the youth and their friends of today. These men had the responsibility of locating property suitable for a camp to be used by the entire Michigan Conference. Joining them were C.F. Willett, Treasurer, and Neil W. Litchfield, Assistant Treasurer. There were good reasons why the men felt a strong urge to have a new location for the camp.

One man having much to do with the development of Camp AuSable was Fred Beavon. Following is his report of the

early history of the camp from 1947-58:

Prior to Camp AuSable, the Michigan Youth Camp, Camp Pottawotamie, was located on an island in Gull Lake near Battle Creek. The noise of the speed boats was continually interrupting councils and services there. Then, at night, the jazz from the taverns across the bay could be heard at camp through a good portion of the night. Furthermore, transporting people and supplies over to an island was far from ideal. Due to these problems, an effort was made to locate a new site for the Michigan Youth Camp. Saginaw Certified Public Accountant Arthur Schoonover called their attention to land and a lake for sale near Grayling owned by Mr. McClannahan.

Miklos and others felt the site would make a desirable location, but there was some opposition because the property was so far north and away from metropolises. (Continued on Page 3)

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The Crawford County Standard Oil Agency was built in 1902. A. Mr. Merrifield was the first agent and, at that time, the only product sold was kerosene. Mr. Merrifield was apprehensive about handling a new product called gasoline so, when it came on the market in 1904, Mr. Hans Holz took over as agent.

When Mr. Holz resigned and moved to Tennessee, due to the poor health of his wife, he asked Mr. Dan Hoesli, then a brakeman on the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad running from Grayling to Manistee, if he would like the job. Hoesli accepted and, in July of 1911, the company hired him as their agent.

When Dan first started, the fuel in the tank cars was pumped by hand to storage tanks on the ground. A piston-type pump was used, which had a forward and backward stick motion. In those days, men worked for a dollar a day. Dan paid \$1 a tank. A strong man could empty a tank car in two hours, so it was considered a pretty good job. One pumper, not understanding the mechanics of the piston pump, was afraid to stop pumping to get a drink of water for fear that the fuel would run back into the tank car.

Dan delivered kerosene with horses and wagon to Roscommon, Pere Cheney and Lovells, and shipped by rail into Lewiston. When Dan hauled to Lovells, T. E. Douglas was the dealer, and he took kerosene into the lumber camps with a horse and wagon. He used horses in the winter until about 1925, as the roads were not plowed.

In 1932, Dan's son, Ernest Hoesli, went to work for his father. In 1940, when the senior Mr. Hoesli retired, Ernie took over as agent. Ernie had graduated from Grayling High School and attended Ferris Institute. In 1911, eight to 10 tank cars of fuel each year were consumed. In 1964, when Ernie retired after 32 years with the company, that number had grown to well over 300.

Charles Fick, a native of Swartz Creek, took over operation of the Standard Oil Agency when Ernie retired. Mr. Fick had been with the company for six years by then--two as a driver in Swartz Creek, and the remaining years operating a Standard Oil Agency in Flint.

Charles and his wife, Marilyn, had four children: Steven, Scott, Shelley and Stephanie.

When Charles took over, he had one driver, Jensen Ziebell. The territory consisted of Grayling, Lovells, Maple Forest and Frederic townships. In 1976, the agents became independent jobbers. In 1977, Mr. Fick purchased the former Post Oil Co. and relocated the office and bulk storage to 113 Fig Street. Later, Tufts Gas & Oil bulk storage was purchased and moved to the Fig Street location. By this time, there were seven employees and four home delivery trucks. In 1979, the first transport truck was added. In 1983, the accounts and distribution division of Osceola Oil, West Branch, were acquired, opening up a market area of central and northern Michigan. In 1986, a truck repair garage was added and staffed. A propane division was added in 1989, and an unattended credit card fueling station in 1990.

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tan areas. But, on December 3, 1947, the 840 acre site including Lake Shellenbarger was purchased for \$30,000.

Lake Shellenbarger was once used in the production of marl for fertilizer and in the making of cement. Two areas of the lake had been dredged for marl, leaving two deep spots in the lake perfect for swimming. The lake was also used for ice harvesting. A large ice house on the north side of the lake, although badly deteriorated, was found to still contain ice packed in sawdust at the time the property was purchased.

During the summer of 1948 a camp dining lodge with a rest room was built. Work was also started on a couple of double-unit cabins and counselor quarters.

In 1949 development of the beach began. When the lake's ice became thick enough to support heavy machinery, the bank just north of the dining lodge was bulldozed out onto the ice. This provided a gradual descent to the water's edge and a great quantity of sand that, when settled as the ice melted in the spring, covered the marl and gave a good sandy bottom for the swimming area and the beach.

The first camp held at Camp AuSable was directed by Miklos and Fred Beavon served as Waterfront Director. It was a camp for boys ages 12-16, conducted July 31-August 7, 1949. The second camp was August 7-14 for boys ages 9-12. Just one girls' camp was held that year for girls ages 9-16 from August 14-21. Beavon's diary from that time notes he spent many hours pulling stumps and burning brush, preparing an area for a ball field and more cabins, when not on the waterfront. During the first camping season most of the campers and counselors stayed in meeting tents.

On April 6, 1951 Fred Beavon took over the Youth Department of the Michigan Conference. Among his priorities was the further development of Camp AuSable. For the first several years the camp had no resident caretaker and Beavon was making frequent trips to check on the camp and supervise further construction.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Seventh-day Adventist youth camping, Camp AuSable held a special camp from June 29-July 1, 1951, with more

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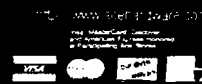
Some boys attending Camp AuSable built their own version of the Chapel in the Woods, much to the delight of the staff.



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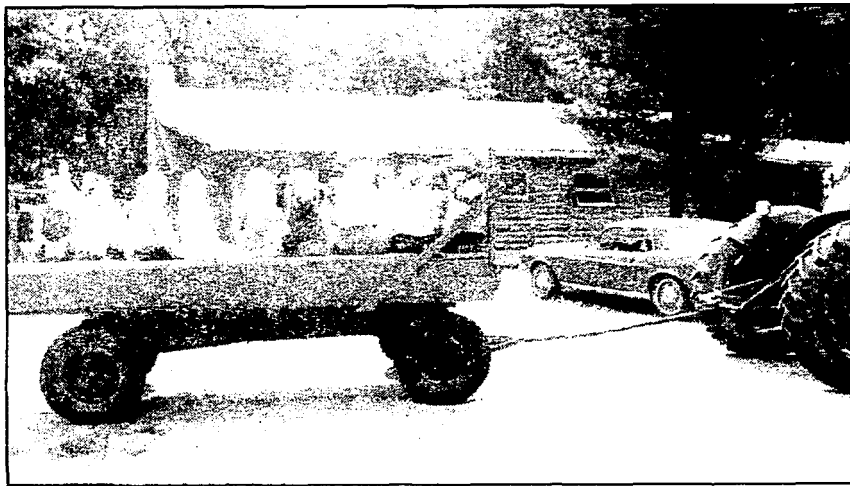
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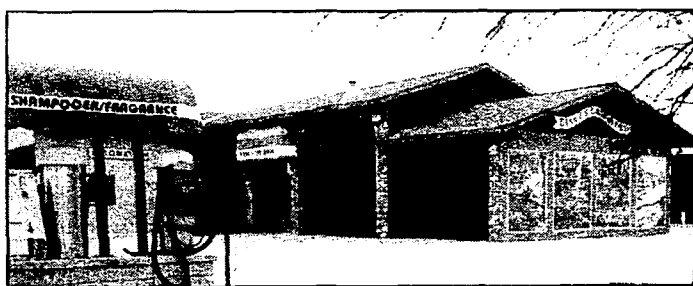
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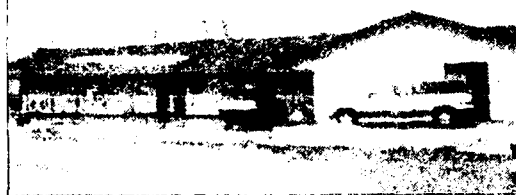
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than 275 people attending. Pioneers of youth camping were present including Elder Grover Fattie and his wife. Fattie started the first camp program for the Seventh-day Adventists at Townline Lake in 1927.

Before the regular camps began for 1951, a medical building and three more double cabins were completed. Many of the campers still used tents. When given a choice between a tent or a cabin, the campers invariably chose the tents leaving further cabin construction as a low priority. Plans for a staff headquarters building and a craft building could now go forward.

In 1952 the camp was used on weekends by church groups, academies, literature evangelists and others in addition to the regular camps. Fees for the use of the Camp AuSable in 1952 were as follows: weekend reservation at 75 cents per person and one-day reservation at 30 cents per person. Also that year, Camp AuSable was the site of the first Seventh-day Adventist Senior Youth Camp held July 13-19. The event was deemed very successful and attendance grew remarkably each following year.

In 1953 the headquarters building was constructed and the Chapel in the Woods with new pulpit and split log seats was ready for use in July. The craft building, completed in 1954, was built from lumber used to build the Billy Graham Crusade tabernacle in Detroit.

In June 1955 several camp staff members made a valiant effort to make a dam at the outlet of the lake in order to raise the level of the lake. The shallow parts of the lake caused concerns about boater and waterskiing safety. "Little was accomplished except to develop a new respect for beavers who seem to have it all over us when it comes to engineering and building dams," Beavon said. The efforts resulted in not more than a two-inch rise in the lake level and did help some.

Unauthorized use of the private lake by fishermen became an increasing problem. Sometimes when campers were at the campfire circle or Chapel in the Woods, "loud-mouthed fishermen with too much liquor under their belts could be heard by the campers shouting obscenities and profanities. A decision was made by the

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Camp to completely fence in the property and place locked gates on the roads leading to the lake from the north side. On June 20, 1955, a crew of workers under the direction of Elder Jewel Bolejack began the project.

A notice ran in the local newspaper informing residents of the need to fence in the camp, but also invited those who wished to fish to come in the main entrance and, with permission, fish at certain times of the day. For some time the fence line and gates were vandalized. "Some nights we found it necessary to post guards by the gates in an effort to apprehend the vandals," Beavon said. "The Sheriff's Department and Police did very little to help us." That year Al and Maude (Farbach) Baker were chosen to serve as resident caretakers. In 1956 caretaker quarters were constructed for them.

The first Winter Youth Camp was held at Camp AuSable, February 22-24, 1957. Thirty-six enthusiastic campers showed up for this new venture and although



In the early days of Camp AuSable young men and boys attended camping sessions, learning archery and enjoying other recreational activities. They also participated in fellowship and team work. Most campers chose to stay in tents even after cabins were built on the property.

just a small group, it was the beginning of a ever-popular program. Later that year a Wilderness Camp was established, under the direction of Elder Milo Sawvel, to help children experience real primitive camping. During the summer, Ronald Edsell Sr. took over as camp caretaker.

Each year saw continued improvement of the camp facility, increased attendance at the regular camps and increased use of each weekend by various groups including Pathfinder officers, workshops, college and academy

faculty meetings, student outings, church groups and many more.

In 1963, Edsell's son, Bill, was chosen to be assistant Youth Director for the Michigan Conference and camp caretaker. In February 1964 Harold Jewkes became camp manager (after the caretaker title was dropped) and Merrill Fleming was elected assistant Youth Director.

During the winter, Camp AuSable roads were kept open. One winter a total of 152 inches of snow fell. The only snow removal equipment the camp had was an old jeep with a grader out

front. Jewkes used this during the five winters he lived there.

In the spring of 1964, a natural gas pipe line was laid through the camp property. It was agreed that all work being done on the project would be done Sunday through Friday and no work would be done on Saturday. The men worked diligently all week. By Friday afternoon it was evident they would not complete the job before sundown. Jewkes went out and reminded them there was to be no work on Saturday. They understood and all the men and

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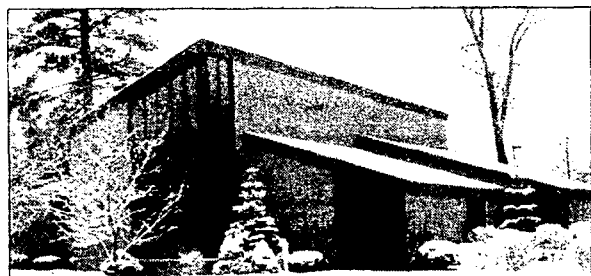
Five years later he added a small grocery store and leased out the restaurant. In 1960 he converted the entire structure into the grocery store. Which he sold to the Mattis' in 1971.

A 12 foot by 40 foot addition to the store in 1975 housed the liquor supply when their license was obtained and other new lines of groceries. The philosophy of the pair was to keep the store well stocked and the prices reasonable so that the people in the area did not find it necessary to travel all of the way into Grayling to pick up the items.

Through the years Larry & Joan's have expanded their inventory to include, groceries, snacks, refreshments, juices, liquor, wine, beer, video's, magazines, books, trading cards, phone cards, fax & copy service, fishing & hunting licenses, Wakeley Lake Passes, etc., etc.



One of the first amenities built at Camp AuSable was a dining lodge with a modern kitchen. Hundreds of campers have enjoyed delicious and nutritious meals there since then. Seventh-day Adventists adhere daily to proper nutrition.



Grayling Township

The First 126 Years

Grayling Township was established in 1874 as a part of Kalkaska County. Through the following years the township evolved a number of times and eventually took its present shape and size in 1901. It is one of 1,242 townships in Michigan.

In the early 1800's, township government evolved in the United States to ensure that every citizen had access to a democratic decision making process on the local issues that affected them most. As the states of the Northwest Territories joined the union, townships were usually planned in areas six miles wide by six miles long, or 36 square miles.

As the nation expanded westward across the vast plains and mountains, population centers were so small and far away from each other that the township concept didn't work. Even today, there are no townships west of the Mississippi River.

Grayling Township evolved into a platted land mass equal to the size of five, six-by-six areas stretching 18 miles from east to west and 12 miles from north to south. Completely surrounding the City of Grayling, at 178 square miles, Grayling Township, today, is the largest township in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

The first town hall was situated on Ottawa Street, next to the current Grayling Middle School. In 1927, the first community library was located within the building with the township offices. In 1986, that building was moved next to the depot and is now the Military Annex to the Crawford County Historical Museum. It is one of the oldest structures in the city.

The purpose of township government is to provide services to the people collectively for those who can't provide for themselves individually. The township is administered by a five person board of trustees which includes a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and two at-large trustees. Until very recently the supervisors from each of the six townships in Crawford County made up the county board of supervisors, the policy-making body for county government.

The first service provided by Grayling Township was to meet the needs in educating township children by organizing, constructing and staffing several county schools, and to build and maintain roads. Fire protection and cemetery services soon followed.

Today, Grayling Township serves its 7,000 residents with a professionally trained fire department, cemetery services, police protection, refuse disposal, road repair, a full-service building inspection program, zoning, and a comprehensive recycling and composting program.

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Camp AuSable

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machinery rested over the Sabbath.

On November 28, 1964 a snowy owl was sighted standing on the lake's ice. Teddie and Freddie Beavon, who were camping with their parents, saw it first.

After the regular summer camps of 1965, Camp AuSable had its first forest fire. On November 3, a strong wind blew a tree onto the electric wires near the Chapel in the Woods. Two wires were broken and fell to the ground. The hot wires melted some sand and caused a fire that quickly traveled eastward toward the lake. A fisherman on the lake noticed the smoke and alerted the fire department. Fortunately, only grass, ferns and shrubs were burned covering about two acres.

The summer of 1966 marked the beginning of what is now called Cedar Village, a camping facility for both boys and girls. The camping area was built when Camp AuSable hosted the children of delegates to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists meeting in Detroit.

The same summer, the "Trail of States" was born, with stepping stones brought by Youth Directors from their Conference

territory to the General Conference. Originally placed on the trail around the Emerald Pool, they were moved to the Forest Garden near the Nature Center in 1984.

In 1966, while hiking one day, Jewkes and his wife Glenna tied the trunk of a young Jack Pine into a knot. Months later and throughout the years, they checked the tree and was pleased with the development. On hikes with groups it was an item of interest. When the road was through in 1971, from the ball diamond to the Rodeo Corral, this tree was uprooted and thrown aside, unnoticed. Later, Jewkes went out to see if the tree was anywhere to be found. Sure enough, it was there. He cut the knot from the trunk and placed it in the Nature Center.

In the fall of 1966, the chickadees and nuthatches were tamed to light on the campers' hands and take sunflower seeds. What enjoyment this brought to young and old alike. In December of 1966, the first snowmobile arrived at camp.

During the summer of 1967, campers were introduced to Zip, Zoom, Zassie, and Rascal the pet

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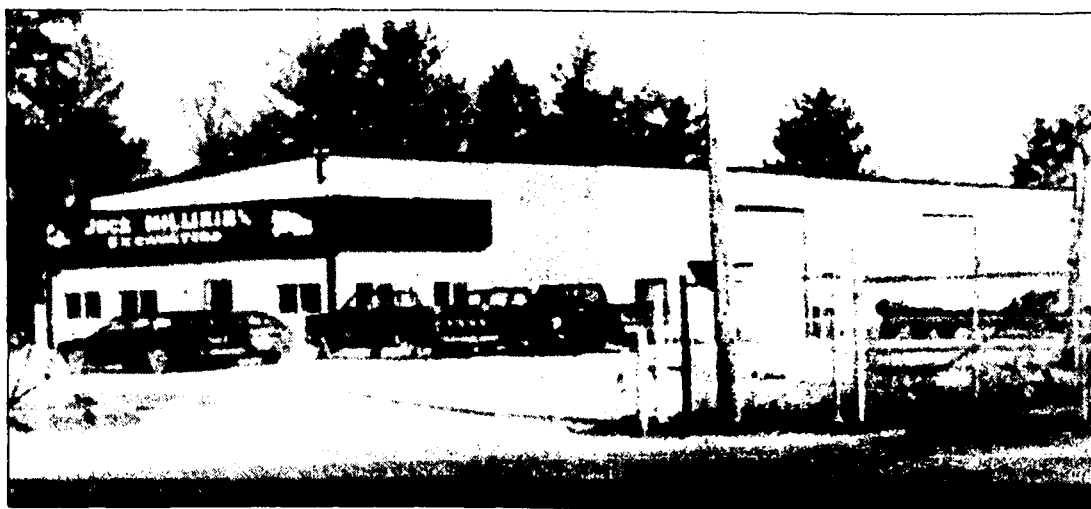
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Kiwanis: 65 years of community service

Local club has helped countless organizations and individuals in over six decades of service

BY FAY BOVEE

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling has served the community of Grayling for 65 years, starting with the original 30 charter members with Dr. Clarence G. Clippert as their first president.

Kiwanis was started as a service club to the community and has continued the tradition ever since. Kiwanis members have donated money, time, and services to an untold number of organizations, schools, and individuals throughout the 65 years of the club's existence.

Since many of the club members were the "movers and shakers" of the community, they played important roles in the development of tourism and helping the economy of the area, which in turn helped the people of the community.

One of the pictures at the Crawford County Historical Museum shows some of the charter members at the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

As noted in the list of presidents, two former editors of this paper, Oscar Schumann and

Robert Strong, were members of the club.

One of the club's big projects years ago was the Christmas boxes, which were delivered to the needy in the county. Industrial arts teacher Joseph Stripe, a Kiwanis member, and industrial arts teacher Wesley Kumpula, an honorary member of the club, were key figures in the project as their "shop" boys repaired many, many toys that were later distributed.

Members of the Woman's Club of Grayling were joint co-workers in the project, purchasing clothing for the boxes that were packed in the basement classroom at Grayling High School.

When the toys and clothing were ready, the Kiwanians were given a family to "shop" for and they filled the boxes, which were all assembled in the classroom. Usually on Christmas Eve day or evening, they would deliver the boxes to various areas in the county with one member usually dressed as Santa. The clubs were aided by school nurse Mrs. Johanna Gorman, who found the

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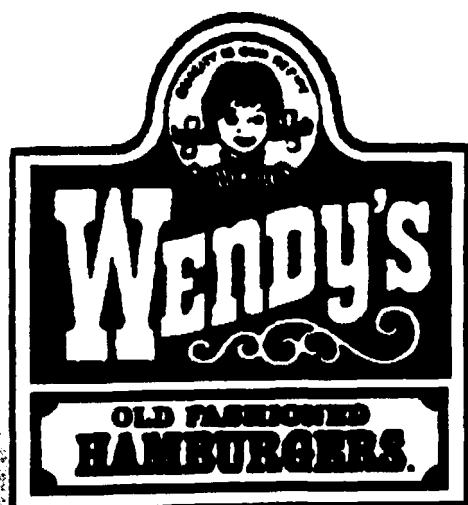
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The fire that destroyed the original structure in April 1930 (also housing the Masonic Temple) took place during a full house performance. Olson was the only one injured, suffering burns when he tried to reach the projectionist who had already escaped through a window. A little more than four months later, the Rialto reopened.

In the mid 1950's, Olson's daughter, Georgiana, and her husband, Thomas Stancil, took over ownership and management of the Rialto until 1982 when it was purchased by their son George and his wife, Marilyn.

In 1999, Gregg Stancil and his brother Geoffry Bichler, nephews of George, became the new owners of the historic Rialto theatre, which except for the marquis installed in 1940, a new screen in 1998, paint & some new seating remains the same as it did in the 1930's.

Gregg, who will manage the business full-time hopes to make some improvement such as upgrading



Rialto Theatre rebuilt and
reopened in July 1930;
new marquee installed
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the sound system and computerizing the concession stand and box office, while still providing affordable entertainment for the community.

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Kiwanis: 65 years of community service



At a meeting at Lone Pines in the late 1950's, Mrs. Johanna Gorman, school nurse, was honored for her cooperation with the Kiwanis Club in identifying and helping needy families with children. Left to right are: Hugo Leonard from the Health Department, Maurice Gorman, Mrs. Gorman, John Henry Peterson, Willard Cornell, and Dr. Ralph Hoffman. Peterson, Cornell and Hoffman are Kiwanis members.

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needy families and supplied the information needed for clothing and toys.

The Kiwanis Goodfellow Newspaper, which is given for donations during the holiday, has been another ongoing project for the club for about 30 years. Before taking to the streets with the newspaper, the papers and canisters were put in the stores and one enterprising club member took his very large St. Bernard with him to nightly establishments where patrons were encouraged to donate.

When George Mason had the Chapel in the Pines built, it was dedicated to his father-in-law Don Johnson, who was the first president of the Detroit No. 1 Kiwanis Club. For this reason, the Grayling club under the direction of member Bill Joseph was instrumental in planning the dedication of the Chapel and the reception following.

For the past 10 years, the club has sponsored the Hartwick Pines Challenge Race, which is held the first Saturday in October. It is a cross country race through the Pines which helps to raise money for com-

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At the dedication of the Chapel in the Pines: Some Kiwanians and their wives which are identified are Robert Bovee, Marian Welsh, Wesley LaGrow, Vi Burns, Earl Burns, and Hazel and Roy Trudgeon.



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community projects as well as bringing tourists to the area, helping the economy.

Other Kiwanis projects over the years have been chicken barbecues during special events in Grayling, an archery range in downtown Grayling that was a hit with the National Guardsman, and golf stag days at the Grayling Country Club.

All fund-raising projects were done to raise money to give back

to the community. After 65 years, it would be impossible to name all of the projects that they have helped to support, either with money or with physical labor.

During the lifetime of the club, members have been honored with various awards and some have been honored with a "This is Your Life" and "Flowers to the Living" programs. Several of the members have served on the Michigan District of Kiwanis committees.

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Dr. Clarence G. Clippert, first President of Kiwanis

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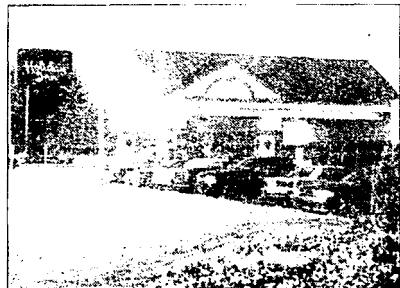
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1947-- Robert Strong	1979-- Charles Fick
1948-- Arthur Clough	1980-- William Kelly
1949-- Earl R. Burns	1981-- William Diedrich
1950-- Floyd Davis	1982-- Richard Rasmusson
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1953-- Don Gothro	1985-86-- Carl Yost
1954-- William Joseph	1986-87-- Carl Naghtin
1955-- Leslie Hunter	1987-88-- Dwight Knasel
1956-- Willard Cornell	1988-89-- Dwight Knasel
1957-- Joseph Stripe	1989-90-- Tim Coe
1958-- Lorne Douglas	1990-91-- Tom Trudgeon
1959-- Fred Welsh	1991-92-- Dr. William Dean
1960-- Eric Post	1992-93-- Dean Smith
1961-- Joseph Hull	1993-94-- Dean Smith
1962-- Tom Welsh	1994-95-- Larry Winslow
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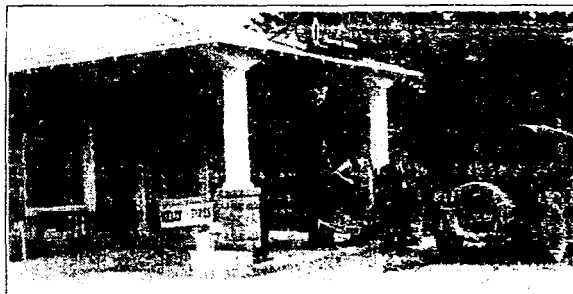
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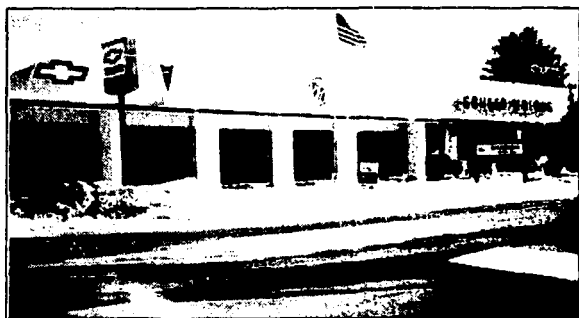
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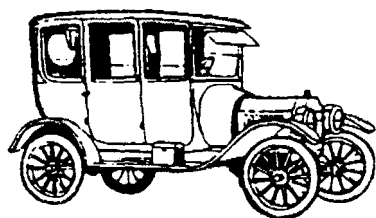
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(Left) Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Grayling Kiwanis Club (on January 18, 1965) are, left to right, Fred Walsh, Sr., T.P. Peterson, Emil Giegling, and Dr. John F. Cook. All four men are charter members of Grayling Kiwanis.

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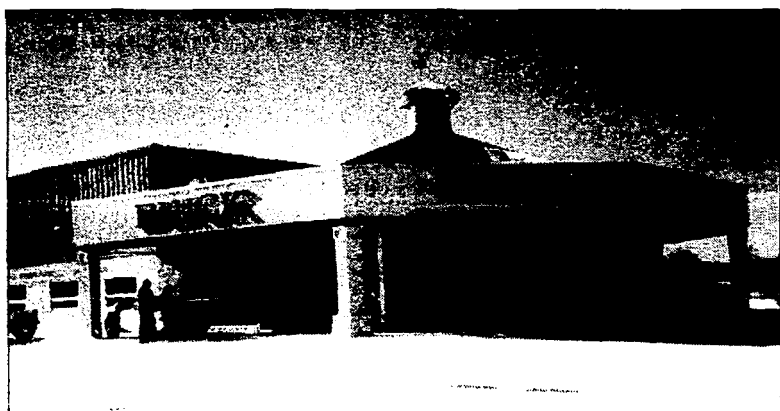
raccoons. There was also Prang the pet porcupine and Petunia the pet skunk. The story of these animals and more is in the book *Zip, Zoom, Zazzie & Rascal*, a Review and Herald Publishing Association production dated 1974.

The Nature Center had its beginnings in the Craft Building. One of the rooms was set aside for displaying mounted wildlife, including a generous number of birds from the collection of Wisconsin residents, Wilbur and Eva Brown.

Camp AuSable has grown in many ways since its beginnings – from a one-building camping

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